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THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA met in its Seventy-Second Annual Session, Tuesday, 20th October, 1885, at 7½ o'clock P. M., in the Presbyterian Church, Reidsville, North Carolina, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. P. T. Penick, on Acts xx:26, 27: "Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men, For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God."

The Synod was then constituted with prayer.

The Committee of Enrollment presented the Roll of the Synod, as far as completed, and other members were enrolled.

The following members were present during the session of the Synod :*

I.—PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE.†

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
ARCH'D CURRIE,	*W. B. Carter*,	Madison.
	N. S. Smith, [5]	Leaksville.
TH. U. FAUCETTE,	*W. L. Stamps*,	Milton.
	J. R. Winston, [2]	Red House.
P. H. DALTON,	*Leroy Craig*,	New Hope.
J. HENRY SMITH, D D.,	*S. C. Smith*.	Greensboro.
E. H. HARDING, D.D.,	*John Denny*	Graham.
F. H. JOHNSTON, D.D.,	*Stephen Neal*,	Winston.
JAS. C. ALEXANDER,	*T. B. Donnell*, [2]	Buffalo.
	Geo. W. Wharton, [2]	Bethel.

*The figure after a name denotes the day on which a member took his seat.

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MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
W. B. TIDBALL, [3]		
L. C. VASS, [2]		
H. T. DARNALL, [2]		
T. J. ALLISON, [3]		
J. S. WATKINS, D.D., [2]	*W. S. Primrose*, [4]	Raleigh, First.
D. I. CRAIG,	*John T. Denny*,	Reidsville.
	Thos. C. Neil, [3]	Bethesda.
	A. W. Milner,	Oak Forest.
W. F. THOM, [3]	*J. A. Womack*, [3]	Pittsboro.
	J. M. McIver, [2]	Gulf.
WM. F. WILHELM. [2]	*J. N. Craig*,	Hillsboro.
S. H. CHESTER, [2]	*A. V. Craig*, [2]	Hawfields.
ALEX. SPRUNT, [2]		
R. B. WILLIS, [3]		
[18]	*L. M. Stewart*, [19]	Alamance.

II.—PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD.*

P. T. PENICK,		
J. RUMPLE, D.D.,	*J. J. Bruner*,	Salisbury.
R. B. ANDERSON, D.D.,	*A. C. Avery*, [2]	Morganton.
	A. J. Seagle,	Newton.
J. M. WHAREY,		
J. W. DAVIS, D.D.,		
C. A. MONROE,	*H. C. Dixon*, [2]	Hickory.
J. A RAMSAY,	*J. K. Graham*,	Thyatira.

†Of the Presbytery of Orange the following ministers were absent: Robert Burwell, D. D., G. W. Ferrill, J. M. Atkinson, D. D., C. N. Morrow, Charles Phillips, D. D., C. H. Wiley, D. D., C. Miller, J. L. Currie, S. M. Smith, J. N. H. Summerell, A. L. Crawford, S. H. Isler, Carr Moore.—13.

The following Churches were not represented: Oakland, Wentworth, Raleigh Second, High Point, Jamestown, New Berr., Durham, Spring Wood, Company Shops, Mebaneville, Bethlehem, Eno, Little River, Stony Creek, Grier's, Washington, Mt. Vernon, Haywood, Calah, Tarboro, Rocky Mount, Lexington, Croatan, La Grange, Chapel Hill, Cross Roads, Henderson, Littleton, Oxford, Geneva, Nutbush, Grassy Creek, Oak Hill, Nahalah, Warrenton, Wilson, Kernersville, Ashboro, Worthville, Mt. Airy, Fairfield, Yanceyville, Speedwell, Louisburg, Elkin, Horeb, Oregon.—18.

*Of the Presbytery of Concord the following ministers were absent: E. F. Rockwell, D. D., B. L. Beall, W. A. Wood, D. D., Wm. W. Pharr, L. K. Glasgow, R. W. Boyd, C. M. Payne, A Walker White—8.

The following Churches were not represented: Mooresville, Centre, Rocky River, Zion, Bethel, Unity, Franklin, Lenoir, Back Creek, Norwood, Beulah, Mizpah,

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MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
J. L. Williamson, [2]	*J. S. Lafferty*, [2]	Poplar Tent.
W. B. Arrowood,		
L. McKinnon, [2]		
E. C. Murray,		
11	*S. W. Stimson*,	Statesville.
	T. C. Beatty,	Prospect.
	M. W. Johnston, [2]	Concord, (Town).
	Thos. Sparrow,	Davidson College.
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III.—PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE.*

Evander McNair, D.D.,	*Neill Graham*, [2]	Bethesda.
J. P. McPherson,		
Neill McKay, D.D.,	*J. A. Cameron*,	Tirza.
A. McMillan, [2]		
Martin McQueen,	*J. D. McIver*, [2]	Carthage.
	R. D. Rowan,	Union.
	D. McIntyre,	Cameron.
H. G. Hill, D.D.,		
David Fairley, [2]		
J. H. Colton, [2]		
A. N. Ferguson, [2]	*A. F. Patterson*, [2]	Laurel Hill.
	J. E. Purcell, [2]	Montpelier.
Wm. S. Lacy, [2]		
10	*J. S. McQueen*, [2]	Centre.
	Hiram Conoly, [2]	Antioch.
	N. T. McLean, [2]	Ashpole.
	D. McLauchlin, [2]	Cypress.
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Third Creek, Fifth Creek, Concord (Iredell), Bethesda, New Salem, Old Salem, Ulo, Troutman's Depot, Bethphage, Bethany, Siloam, Old Fort, Taylorsville, Wilkesboro, Shiloh, Marion, Mocksville, Drusilla, Tabor.—31.

*Of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, the following ministers were absent: Hector McLean, D. D. McBryde, James McQueen, N. T. Bowden, Joseph Evans, A. McQueen, J. H. Coble, K. M. McIntyre, Roger Martin, J. S. Black.—10.

The following Churches were not represented: Philadelphus, Lebanon, Barbacue, Flat Branch, Bluff, Sardis, St. Andrews, Mt. Pisgah, White Hill, Iona, Lumber Bridge, Laurinburg, Fayetteville, Bethlehem, Church of the Covenant, Galatia, Sandy Grove, Symrna, Pee Dee, Sharon, Ben Salem, Macedonia, Buffalo, Euphronia, Salem, St. Pauls, Big Rockfish, Lumberton, Mt. Tabor, Sherwood, Bethel, Long Street, Shoe Heel, Mineral Spring, Harmony, Mt. Carmel, Mark's Creek, McPherson, Rockingham, China Grove.—40.

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IV.—PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON.*

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
A. McFadyen, [2] John M. Rose. [2]	*S. Northrop*, [2]	Wilmington, First.

V.—PRESBYTERY OF MECKLENBURG.†

R. Z. Johnston, Wm. E. McIlwain, G. S. Robinson, R. A. Miller,	*R. S. Barrett*,	Hopewell.
	I. A. Frazier,	Williams Memorial
G. L. Cook, Wm. R. Atkinson, [2] N. M. Woods, A. M. Watson, I. N. Campbell, [2]	*E. Nye Hutchison*, [2]	Charlotte, First.

Minister, 50; Ruling Elders, 44; Total, 94.

*Of the Presbytery of Wilmington the following ministers were absent: D. B. Black, Colin Shaw, B. F. Marable, D. D., James Kelley, Alex. Kirkland, K. McDonald, A. L. Phillips, J. W. Primrose, G. W. McMillan, J. R. Wilson, D. D.—10.

The following Churches were not represented: Chinquepin, Hopewell, Rockfish, Keith, Oak Plain, Union, Mt. Zion, Clinton, Mt. Olive, Warsaw, Elizabethtown, Beth-Car, Brown Marsh, South River Chapel, Mt. Horeb, Chadbourn, White Plains, Whiteville, Moore's Creek, Black River Chapel, Burgaw, Duplin Road, Mt. Williams, Topsail, Wilmington Second, Richlands, New River Chapel, Goldsboro, Cobb's Mills, White Hall, Seminary, North River, Grove, Newport.—31.

*Of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg the following ministers were absent: R. H. Morrison, D. D., J. E. Morrison, J. D. Hall, Wm. Graves, W. W. Pharr, D. D., A. W. Miller, D. D., G. D. Parks, W. A. McDonald, D. T. Towles, J. J. Kennedy, W. H. Davis, S. T. Martin, J. P. Gammon, D. P. Robinson, J. M. McLean, A. G. Buckner, A. P. Nicholson, J. E. Fogartie, E. P. Davis, R. B. Morrow, R. S. Brown, C. W. Robinson, P. R. Law, W. A. Dabney, E. A. Sample.—25.

The following Churches were not represented: Sharon, Amity, Lincolnton, Dallas, Goshen, Philadelphia, Olney, Long Creek, Davidson River, New Hope, Gastonia, Pineville, Pleasant Hill, Asheville, Paw Creek, Charlotte Second, Union, Wadesboro, Lebanon, Polkton, Steele Creek, Ramah, Huntersville, Shelby, King's Mountain, Shiloh, Mallard Creek Sugar Creek, Rutherfordton, Little Brittain, Monroe, Matthews, Unity, Castanea Grove, Machpelah, Franklin, Morrison, Hiwassee, Providence, Hephzibah, Bethel, Red Oak, Mills River, Hendersonville, Bethlehem, Sandy Plains, Swannanoa, Oak Forest, Waynesville, Charleston, Duncan's Creek, —51.

The Rev. J. C. Alexander, of the Presbytery of Orange, was chosen Moderator.

The Rev. J. A. Ramsay, of the Presbytery of Concord, and Ruling Elder J. A. Cameron, of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, were chosen Temporary Clerks.

The reading of the minutes of the last Annual Session, was, on motion, dispensed with.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, and was closed with prayer.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 21st October, 1885.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met at 9 A. M., and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the First Day's Session were read and approved.

Additional enrollments were made.

The Stated Clerk reported the names of ministers absent from the last stated meeting of Synod without rendering excuse. This report was laid on the table to be referred to the Committee of Leave of Absence.

Statistical Reports from the five Presbyteries constituting the Synod, were presented and laid on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Statistical Reports. (See Appendix, Paper A.)

Narratives of the State of Religion from the five Presbyteries constituting the Synod, were presented and laid on the table, to be referred to the Committee appointed to prepare an address to the Churches.

Reports to Synod. Orders of the Day.

Reports on Systematic Beneficence from the five Presbyteries constituting the Synod, were presented and laid on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Systematic Beneficence. (See Appendix, Paper B.)

The Annual Report of the Board of Directors of Union Theological Seminary, together with a supplemental report from the same body, were read and laid on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Union Theological Seminary. (See Appendix, Paper C.)

The nomination of persons to fill vacancies in the Board from this Synod was referred to the same Committee.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Synod was read and laid on the table, to be referred, with his books and vouchers, to the Committee on the Treasurer's Books. (See Appendix, Paper D.)

The Report of the Trustees of the Synod was read and laid on the table, to be referred to the Committee appointed to examine such report. (See Appendix, Paper E.)

The Records of the Synod, and of the five Presbyteries constituting the Synod, were presented and laid on the table, to be referred to the respective Committees that may be appointed for their review.

It was made the Order of the Day for this (Wednesday) evening to hear the report of the Agent of Foreign Missions, and in connection therewith to hear the Rev. J. W. Davis, D. D., of Soochow, China.

It was made the First Order of the Day for Thursday morning to hear the report of the Agent of Publication.

It was made the Order of the Day for Thursday at 11 A. M., to hear the report of the Agent of Education.

It was made the First Order of the Day for Friday morning to hear the report of the Agent of Sustentation.

Order of the Day. Standing Committees.

It was made the Second Order of the Day for Friday morning to hear the report of the Agent of Evangelistic Labor, and in connection therewith to hear the Presbyterial Agents and Evangelists.

It was made the Third Order of the Day for Friday to hear the report of the Agent of Sabbath Schools.

The Stated Clerk reported that in obedience to the order of the Synod the transcription of the earlier volumes of the Synodical records was now in progress.

The Stated Clerk further reported that the Synodical Map, prepared in accordance with the direction of the Synod, though not yet completed, was before the Synod and ready for its inspection and use.

The Moderator announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. Bills and Overtures—A. McFadyen, F. H. Johnston, D. D., W. L. Stamps, M. D.

2. Judicial Committee—H. G. Hill, D. D., L. C. Vass, Judge A. C. Avery.

3. Address to the Churches on the State of Religion—R. B. Anderson, D. D., Martin McQueen, R. S. Barnett.

4. Systematic Beneficence—J. Rumple, D. D., A. M. Watson, J. N. Craig.

5. Minutes of the General Assembly—Neil McKay, D. D., J. M. Wharey, W. B. Carter.

6. Union Theological Seminary—E. McNair, D. D., R. Z. Johnston, J. K. Graham.

7. Treasurer's Books—W. E. McIlwain, J. J. Bruner,

8. Report of the Trustees of Synod—A. M. Watson, W. B. Arrowood, S. W. Stimson.

9. DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES—D. I. Craig, H. T. Darnall, J. T. Denny.

10. STATISTICAL REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES—J. P. McPherson, C. A. Monroe, A. J. Seagle.

11. SYNODICAL RECORDS—M. McQueen, G. L. Cook, S. C. Smith.

12. LEAVE OF ABSENCE—E. H. Harding, D. D., T. U. Faucette, D. McIntyre.

The papers on the table were then placed in the hands of the appropriate Committees.

The Moderator then announced the following Committees on

PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS:

ORANGE—J. M. Rose, D. McLauchlin.

CONCORD—W. F. Wilhelm, H. C. Dixon.

FAYETTEVILLE—J. L. Williamson, T. B. Donnell.

WILMINGTON—I. N. Campbell, M. W. Johnston.

MECKLENBURG—A. Sprunt, S. Northrop.

The Presbyterial Records were then placed in the hands of the respective Committees.

Concord was chosen as the place for the next stated meeting of Synod. The Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., Rev. R. Z. Johnston, and Ruling Elder M. W. Johnston were appointed a committee to select the time.

The Rev W. W. Moore, D. D., of the Synod of Kentucky, being present, was invited to sit as a Corresponding Member, and introduced by the Moderator to the Synod.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have printed 1,150 copies of the Minutes of the Seventy-Second Annual Session of the Synod.

Report of Committee on Statistical Reports.

The Synodical Historical Committee, Rev. Wm. S. Lacy, Chairman, made the following report which was received and approved :

The Synodical Historical Committee respectfully report:

That they have had no papers of historical value placed in their hands, and have no matter to bring to the attention of the body.

The Committee beg to call the notice of the Synod to the purpose of this Committee, and to the importance of collecting and preserving historical material connected with the Presbyterian Church in this State.

The Synod then took recess until 3 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After recess the Synod convened for business.

The Committee on Statistical Reports Rev. J. P. McPherson, Chairman, made the following partial report, which was received and adopted :

The Committee on Statistical Reports beg leave to submit the following report in part, so that becoming action may be taken by the Synod :

The following brethren in the ministry have deceased since the last meeting of the Synod :

Of the Presbytery of Concord, the Rev. Geo. M. Gibbs, 2d February, 1885, and the Rev. T. N. Paxton, 14th February, 1885.

Of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, the Rev. Wm. N. Morrison, 2d January, 1885, the Rev. James L. Williams 5th March, 1885, and the Rev. L. R. McAboy, D. D., 25th March, 1885.

Of the Presbytery of Wilmington, the Rev. James M. Sprunt, D. D., 6th December, 1884, and the Rev. Robert Hett Chapman, D. D.

Your Committee recommend that the following Committees be appointed to present to the Synod suitable minutes touching the death of these brethren :

On the Rev. Wm. N. Morrison and Rev. L. R. McAboy, D. D.—Rev. R. Z. Johnston and I. A. Frazier.

On the Rev. James L. Williams—Rev. W. E. McIlwain and R. S. Barnett.

On the Rev. Geo. M. Gibbs and Rev. T. N. Paxton—Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., and Rev. James M. Wharey.

On the Rev. James M. Sprunt, D. D., and Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D.—Rev. John M. Rose and Rev. A. McFadyen.

It was made the Order of the Day for to-morrow at 4 P. M., to hear the memorials of deceased brethren.

The Appeal of the Rev. D. P. Robinson, through his counsel, the Rev. Geo. L. Cook, against the decision of Mecklenburg Presbytery, was laid before the Synod, and read by the Stated Clerk.

The Appeal is as follows:

REV. D. P. ROBINSON } *Appellant.*
vs.
PRESBYTERY OF MECKLENBURG, } *Appellee.*

To the Venerable Synod of North Carolina, in Session at Reidsville, October 20th, 1885.

The undersigned respectfully appeals from the decision of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, September 26th, 1884, in the case of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, vs. this Appellant, for the following reasons, to-wit:

1st. That it is unjust;
2d. That it is cruel;
3d. That the proceedings were disingenuous;
4th. That the penalty is excessive.

D. P. ROBINSON,
Through GEO. L. COOK, his duly appointed representative.

The Appeal of Mr. Robinson, with the papers in the case from the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, were referred to the Judicial Committee, with instructions to report this evening at 7½ o'clock, if practicable.

The Synod took recess until 7½ P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Synod met at the appointed hour and resumed business.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made report of appointments for public worship during the sessions of Synod, which was received and approved.

The Order of the Day for this hour was then announced. The Synod then engaged in devotional exercises, after which the Agent of Foreign Missions, Rev. R. Z. Johnston, presented his report, which was received. Pending the consideration of the report, the Synod heard the Rev. John W. Davis, D. D., a member of this body, and a missionary at Soochow, China; after which the report of the Agent was approved.

The Judicial Committee reported that they were not ready to report on the appeal of Mr. Robinson, and asked further time. The request was granted, and the Committee was directed to report to-morrow morning.

On motion, it was ordered that when Synod adjourn, it adjourn to meet at 9½ A. M., and that recess be taken from 1 P. M. until 3 P. M.

The Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock, and was closed with prayer.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY, 22d October, 1885.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the Second Day's Session were read, amended and approved.

Additional enrollments were made.

The Committee on Union Theological Seminary, Rev. Evander McNair, D. D., Chairman, made their report which was received and adopted and is as follows:

The Committee have examined the papers put in our hands from the Directors of our Seminary and report:

1. The Seminary seems to be in an encouraging condition and the Synod thankfully records its approval of the management of the institution.

2. The Synod expresses its gratification in the progress made for the endowment of the Fifth Professorship.

3. In place of the Fourth Class, members of the Board of Directors, the Synod reappoint Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., Rev. J. M. Atkinson, D D., and Ruling Elder B. F. Hall.

4. In place of Rev. B. F. Marable, D. D., the Synod appoints Rev. John M. Rose to serve out the unexpired term as Director.

5. The Synod approves of the change in the "Constitution and plan of the Seminary" adopted by the Board of Directors at the meeting in September last.

The First Order of the Day for this morning was then announced and the Agent of Publication, Rev. John M. Rose made his report, which was received and approved, and the following recommendations appended thereto were adopted:

Resolved, 1st. That the Synod does hereby express its sense of the great importance of the Cause of Publication, and consequently its sincere grief that so large a number of the churches within its bounds (nearly one-half) are reported as giving nothing to its support.

2. That the Presbyteries of this Synod be affectionately urged to take whatever steps may be necessary to bring this cause more prominently to the attention of the churches, and that some earnest effort be made to decrease the number of non-contributing churches.

The Committee on the Records of Mecklenburg Presbytery, Rev. Alex Sprunt, Chairman, made a report which after discussion and amendment was adopted. The report as amended is as follows:

Trustees of Synod. Education.

The Committee appointed to examine the records of Mecklenburg Presbytery report, recommending their approval as far as written, with the following exceptions, viz:

1. On page 165. A commission receives and examines a minister and installs him pastor. In this commission there were but 2 ministers and 2 elders.

2. On page 175. A commission of 2 ministers and 2 elders and one deacon was appointed to organize a church: on the ground that a commission is not permitted to organize a church.

3. On page 160. Deacons are appointed on the Executive Committee of Home Missions of the Presbytery, which is contrary to the principles of Presbyterian Church Government.

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Trustees of Synod, Rev. A. M. Watson, Chairman, made the following report which was received and adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Trustees of Synod report that they have examined the same and find nothing requiring the attention of Synod.

We recommend that the Report of the Trustees of Synod be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes of Synod.

The Synod then receded from business for a few minutes until 11 o'clock.

At 11 A. M. Synod resumed business.

The Order of the Day for this hour was announced, and the Agent of Education, Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., presented his report which was received. Pending the consideration of the report the Synod heard the Rev. W. W. Moore, D. D., Professor in Union Theological Seminary, and the Rev. L. McKinnon, President of Davidson College, with reference to the interests of these institutions. After which the report of the Agent was approved.

Rev. Mr. Phillips of the Baptist Church being present, was invited to sit as a Visiting Brother, and introduced by the Moderator to the Synod.

The following resolution was adopted:

Report of Judicial Committee.

Resolved, That a Principal with Alternate, be appointed to preach a sermon or deliver an address at the next meeting of Synod on this subject: The duty of the Church in securing a larger number of efficient ministers.

The Judicial Committee, Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., Chairman, made the following report which was docketed and made the First Order of the Day for this afternoon:

The Judicial Committee would report to Synod that the appeal of Rev. D. P. Robinson, from the decision of Mecklenburg Presbytery, rendered September 26th, 1884, in the case of the Presbyterian Church in the United States versus the Appellant, is in order, and based on grounds prescribed by our Book of Discipline.

They recommend that this appeal be taken up in the order mentioned in Book of Discipline, chapter xiii, section iii, paragraph vii.

1st. Let Appeal be read, and Rev. D. P. Robinson's card announcing his purpose to appeal, and notice of grounds. (Package No. 1.)

2d. Let "The Record of the Cause" be read as follows: Papers in

Package No. 2.—Indictment and Answer.

Package No. 3.—Citations and Returns.

Package No. 4.—Minutes of Presbytery in the case.

Package No. 5.—Testimony for Prosecution.

—Testimony for Defense.

3d. Let the parties be heard—the Appellant through his representative, Rev. G. L. Cook, and the Appellee through its representative, Rev. N. M. Woods.

4th. Call the roll for expression of opinion in the case by members of the Court.

5th. Take the Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. Hill,
L. C. Vass,
A. C. Avery.

The Committee on the Records of Wilmington Presbytery, Rev. I. N. Campbell, Chairman, reported that they had examined the Records and find them correctly kept, and recommend that they be approved. The report was adopted.

The Synod took recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

Appeal of Rev. D. P. Robinson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Synod met after recess for business.

The Order of the Day for this hour was announced, and the report of the Judicial Committee on the Appeal of Rev. D. P. Robinson, was taken from the Docket and adopted.

The Moderator then charged the Court in accordance with the requirements of the Form of Government.

The case was taken up in the order recommended by the Judicial Committee in accordance with the Rules of Discipline.

The papers bearing upon the case were then read in the order prescribed, after which the Synod receded from business till 7½ P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

In accordance with the Standing Rule of the Synod, it is made the Order of the Day for Thursday evening to hold the Synodical Communion.

After sermon preached by Rev. N. M. Woods, on II Tim. i:12: "For I know whom I have believed," the Synod united in the observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The Synod then adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock, and was closed with prayer.

FOURTH DAY.

FRIDAY, 23d October, 1885.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

Additional enrollments were made.

The Minutes of the Third Day's Session were read and approved.

The Committee on the Treasurer's Book and Report, Rev. Wm. E. McIlwain, Chairman, made their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Treasurer's Book and Report would respectfully report that they have examined the same, find it correct and sustained by proper vouchers, and would add this recommendation: That the Treasurer of Synod be requested to purchase a separate book for Synod.

The Committee on the Record of Orange Presbytery, Rev. Jno. M. Rose, Jr., Chairman, made the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on the Records of Orange Presbytery respectfully recommends their approval so far as submitted for examination.

The Committee on the Records of Fayetteville Presbytery, Rev. J. L. Williamson, Chairman, reported that they had examined the same and found them correctly kept, and recommended that they be approved. The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, Rev. J. M. Wharey, Chairman, reported that they found nothing requiring the attention of Synod.

Reports of Committees on Records. Appeal of Rev. D. P. Robinson.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod, Rev. M. McQueen, Chairman, made the following report, which was received and adopted.

The Committee appointed to examine the Records of the Synod, report that they have examined the same, and find them neatly and well kept, and recommend their approval.

The Committee on the Records of Concord Presbytery, Rev. W. F. Wilhelm, Chairman, reported that they had examined the same and found them correctly kept, and recommended that they be approved. The report was adopted.

The Order of the Day for yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, viz: the memorial service of the deceased members of Synod, which was deferred by the Unfinished Business before the body, was on motion postponed until Saturday at 12 M.

The Synod then resumed the Unfinished Business, viz: the appeal of the Rev. D. P. Robinson.

The Synod heard the Appellant through his representative, Rev. G. L. Cook.

The Synod then heard the Appellee through its representative, Rev. N. M. Woods.

After which the Appellant, through Rev. G. L. Cook, was heard in reply.

The Synod then receded from business until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 3 P. M. the Synod met and resumed business.

The Committee appointed to prepare the Address to the Churches on the State of Religion in the bounds of the Synod, Rev. R. B. Anderson, D. D., Chairman, made their report, which was received and adopted. It was further

ordered that the address be read to the churches by the pastors and stated supplies on a day of public worship, and that a copy be forwarded to the NORTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN, with a request for publication.

The report is as follows:

ADDRESS TO THE CHURCHES.

Once more the Synod of North Carolina sends greeting to the Churches within its bounds.

We find cause for congratulation in the fact that all the Presbyteries report a general faithfulness on the part of the Church officers. Most of the Churches have enjoyed the regular preaching of the Word, and nearly all have been ministered to at times. While there has been a remarkable outpouring of the Spirit in a few congregations only, yet many have made gradual advancement in numbers and, we trust, in grace.

One only of the Presbyteries reports in regard to organized work amongst the colored people, and states that nothing has been done. The silence of the others is significant, and it is presumed that little or nothing has been done in this matter in them. Whether this inaction was rendered necessary by circumstances or not, it is much to be deplored both on account of the kind of teaching many of them have and the great interests involved.

Two of our Presbyteries report prayer-meetings in their congregations. Two report Sabbath-schools, which are well attended and which are accomplishing great good as indicated by the number of pupils who have professed faith in Christ. Two have reported on the subject of intemperance, and both favorably. A few only of church members have been guilty of this sin and endeavors have been made to reclaim them from their ways. Three of the Presbyteries report on the subject of systematic beneficence. In each one contributions have increased and the people are making commendable growth in the grace of giving. Three report on Sabbath observance. In two the Lord's Day is generally observed as a day of rest. In the other there is a lamentable violation of it and there is reason to fear that rather loose views prevail in respect to the obligation to duty in this matter.

There are many things calculated to gladden us and excite gratitude,

and some to make us sad. As in former years, there is reported a general neglect of family worship. The General Assembly and some of the Presbyteries have directed their ministers to urge this duty upon he heads ef families, and there is a well grounded hope of an extensive revival of this important service soon.

Brethren, may the Great Head of the Church grant you increasing supplies of sustaining and persevering grace.

The Synod then resumed the unfinished business, viz: the appeal of Rev. D. P. Robinson.

The members of the Synod were, on motion, limited to five minutes in the expression of their opinions.

The roll was then called, and an opportunity given each member of the Court to express his views.

The roll was then again called, and the vote taken. The vote is as follows:

To confirm in whole, 15.
To reverse in whole, 4.
To confirm in part, 10.
To reverse in part, 2.
To remit for new trial, 32.
Excused from voting, 7.

Accordingly the case was remitted to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg for a new trial.

The committee appointed to fix the time for the next meeting of Synod, Ruling Elder M. W. Johnston, Chairman, reported, recommending Tuesday before the full moon in October, (5th day of October), 1886, at 7:30, P. M.

The Synod then took recess until after divine worship this evening.

EVENING SESSION.

The Synod met after public worship.

A committee was appointed, consisting of Rev. H. G. Hill, D.D., Rev. J. M. Rose, and Ruling Elder J. A. Wo-

Report of Committee on Statistical Reports.

mack, to prepare a minute expressive of the sense of the Synod in the case of the appeal of Rev. D. P. Robinson.

The Committee on Statistical Reports, through Rev. C. A. Monroe, submitted their report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Statistical Reports respectfully presents this condensation of facts gathered from the several reports of the Presbyteries:

The number of Ministers in the Presbytery of Orange is 31; Concord 18; Fayetteville, 19; Mecklenburg, 34; Wilmington, 12. Total, 114.

The number of Churches in the Presbytery of Orange is 67; Concord, 41; Fayetteville, 51; Mecklenburg, 54; Wilmington, 36. Total, 249.

The number of Licentiates in the Presbytery of Orange is 2; Concord, 2; Fayetteville, 1; Mecklenburg, 2; Wilmington, 1. Total, 8.

The number of Candidates in the Presbytery of Orange is 6; Concord, 4; Fayetteville, 6; Mecklenburg, 9; Wilmington, 1. Total, 26.

The number of Communicants in the Presbytery of Orange is 4,174; Concord, 3,941; Fayetteville, 4,601; Mecklenburg, 5,148; Wilmington, 1,603. Total, 19,467.

The aggregate of all the funds collected in the Presbytery of Orange is $31,606; Concord, $24,900; Fayetteville, $25,882; Mecklenburg, $39,-715; Wilmington, $11,779. Total, $133,982.

The number added to the Church in the Presbytery of Orange is 301; Concord, 296; Fayetteville, 204; Mecklenburg, 487; Wilmington, 206. Total, 1,494.

Ministers received: Presbytery of Orange, 2; Concord, 3; Fayetteville, 1; Mecklenburg, 4; Wilmington, 1. Total, 11.

Ministers Transferred: Presbytery of Orange, 4; Fayetteville, 1; Mecklenburg, 1. Total, 6.

Churches Organized: Presbytery of Orange, 2; Concord 2: Mecklenburg, 2; Wilmington, 4. Total, 10.

Licentiates Received: Presbytery of Orange, 1; Concord, 1; Mecklenburg, 1. Total, 3.

Licentiates Transferred: Presbytery of Orange, 1; Mecklenburg, 1. Total, 2.

Candidates Received: Presbytery of Orange, 1; Concord, 4; Fayetteville, 1; Mecklenburg, 3. Total, 9.

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Ministers Died: Presbytery of Concord, 2; Mecklenburg, 3; Wilmington, 2. Total, 7.

Ordinations: Presbytery of Orange, 2; Concord, 1; Mecklenburg, 1. Total, 4.

Installations: Presbytery of Orange, 6; Concord, 2; Fayetteville, 1 Mecklenburg, 5, Wilmington, 6. Total, 20.

Pastoral Relations Dissolved: Presbytery of Orange, 5; Concord, 1; Fayetteville, 1; Wilmington, 2. Total, 9.

Licensures: Presbytery of Orange, 1; Concord; 1; Mecklenburg, 2; Total, 4.

Ministers in Charge of Churches: Presbytery of Orange, 26; Concord, 15; Fayetteville, 17; Mecklenburg, 24; Wilmington, 11. Total, 93.

Pastors: Presbytery of Orange, 22; Concord, 12; Fayetteville, 9; Mecklenburg, 12; Wilmington, 6. Total, 61.

Stated Supplies: Presbytery of Orange, 4; Concord, 1; Fayetteville, 5, Mecklenburg, 10; Wilmington, 5. Total, 25.

Evangelists: Presbytery of Orange, 2; Concord, 1: Fayetteville, 2; Mecklenburg, 4; Wilmington, 2. Total, 11.

Licentiates: Presbytery of Concord, 1; Fayetteville, 1; Mecklenburg, 2; Wilmington, 1. Total, 5.

Churches Vacant: Presbytery of Orange, 12, Concord, 12; Fayetteville, 4; Mecklenburg, 11; Wilmington, 5. Total, 44.

Average Salaries: Presbytery of Orange, 606; Concord, 787: Fayetteville, 514; Mecklenburg, 690; Wilmington, 1,333⅓. Total, 782.

Manses: Presbytery of Orange, 9; Concord, 13; Fayetteville, 2; Mecklenburg, 13; Wilmington, 2. Total, 39.

Value of Manses: Presbytery of Orange, $23,500; Concord, $20,700; Fayetteville, $3,000; Mecklenburg, $25,000; Wilmington, $6,000. Total, $78,200.

Counties in which there is no Presbyterian Minister or Presbyterian Church: Presbytery of Orange, 21; Concord, 6; Mecklenburg, 4; Wilmington, 1. Total, 32.

Foreign Missionaries: Presbytery of Concord, 1. Total, 1.

Your Committee calls attention to the fact that:

I.—Of the 31 Ministers belonging to Orange Presbytery there are 22 Pastors, 4 Stated Supplies, 2 Evangelists, and 3 unaccounted for.

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Of the 18 Ministers belonging to Concord Presbytery there are 12 Pastors, 1 Stated Supply, 1 Evangelist, 1 Foreign Missionary, and 3 unaccounted for.

Of the 19 Ministers belonging to Fayetteville Presbytery there are 9 Pastors, 5 Stated Supplies, 2 Evangelists, and 3 unaccounted for.

Of the 34 Ministers belonging to Mecklenburg Presbytery there are 12 Pastors, 10 Stated Supplies, 4 Evangelists, and 8 unaccounted for.

Of the 12 Ministers belonging to Wilmington Presbytery there are 6 Pastors, 5 Stated Supplies and 1 Theological Professor—all accounted for.

II.—That the aggregate of all the funds raised by Orange Presbytery is $1,483 less than the year before.

In Concord Presbytery it is $2,711 more than the year before.
In Fayetteville Presbytery it is $74 34 less.
In Mecklenburg Presbytery it is $8,948 more.
In Wilmington Presbytery it is $4,481 less.
Making a total net advance of $4,622 66.

The Agent of Sabbath Schools, Rev. L. C. Vass, made his report, which was received and approved, and the following recommendation, appended thereto, was adopted :

Your Agent reccommends that this Synod determine to devote half of one day of each session to the consideration of our Sabbath School interests, and that the Presbyterial Sabbath School Agents, in union with your Agents, be hereby appointed a Committee with authority to arrange for the proper conduct of this meeting at the next session of Synod.

The following resolution was presented by the Rev. Wm. E. McIlwain, and after consideration by the Synod, was adopted :

WHEREAS, The year 1886 marks the 25th year of the history of the Presbyterian Church on the United States;

AND WHEREAS, The General Assembly has made arrangements for quarto-centennial services, to be held at its next meeting in the city of Augusta, Ga., where our Church was organized in troublous times, twenty-five years ago ;

AND WHEREAS, Our God has graciously blessed our Church during those years by adding scores of Ministers, hundreds of Churches and thousands of members to our Communion in our own country, besides

Systematic Beneficence.

permitting and enabling us to preach the gospel to great numbers in heathen lands:

Therefore be it resolved, That Rev. J. Henry Smith, D.D., with Rev. Wm. S. Lacy, as alternate, be appointed to deliver an historical address at our next meeting of Synod, touching the Rise, Progress and Prospects of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence, Rev. J. Rumple, D.D., Chairman, made their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Committee appointed to report on Systematic Beneficence respectfully submits the following report for the year ending March 31st, 1885:

1.—155	Churches in the Synod			contributed to Sustentation	$ 3,184
2.—130	"	"	"	Evangelistic Fund	2,647
3.—134	"	"	"	Invalid Fund	1,024
4.—167	"	"	"	Foreign Missions	8,093
5.—154	"	"	"	Education	5,233
6.—128	"	"	"	Publication	633
7.— 18	"	"	"	Colportage	98
8.— 78	"	"	"	Tuskaloosa Inst.	269
9.—No.	"	(as reported)	"	Bible Cause	
10.— 78	"	"	"	Miscellaneous	3,590
	Total				$24,791

Being $6,338 more than was raised the year before.

In Concord Presbytery were contributed to the ten objects above specified, $5,492; in Fayetteville, $3,049; in Mecklenburg, $8,923; in Orange, $5,569; In Wilmington, $1,758. Total, $24,791.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, Rev. A. McFadyen, Chairman, reported that no business had been placed in their hands, and asked to be discharged. The report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

On motion, the Synod heard Rev. W. B. Arrowood, Evangelist of Concord Presbytery, in relation to his work in Stanly County.

The Stated Clerk presented the following Statistical Re-

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port of the Synod of North Carolina to the General Assembly, which was received and adopted, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly:

REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES:

The Synod of North Carolina respectfully reports to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, that it consists of five Presbyteries, and that these consist, in whole, of one hundred and fourteen Ministers and two hundred and forty-nine Churches, having under their care eight licentiates and twenty-six candidates, viz:

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	CH'CHS	LICENTIATES.	CANDIDATES.
Orange	31	67	2	6
Concord	18	41	2	4
Fayetteville	19	51	1	6
Wilmington	13	36	1	1
Mecklenburg	34	54	2	9
Total	114	249	8	26

The Synod further reports that its next Stated Meeting will be held in the Presbyterian Church, Concord, North Carolina, on Tuesday, the 4th of October, 1886, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

By order of the Synod:

WM. S. LACY,
Stated Clerk.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9½ A. M., and was closed with prayer.

FIFTH DAY.

SATURDAY, 24th October, 1885.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the Fourth Day's Session were read and approved.

It was made the Order of the Day, in connection with Divine Worship this evening, to hold the Memorial Services of the deceased members of Synod.

Rev. Colin Shaw and Rev. J. P. Gammon were appointed a Committee to prepare a suitable memorial of Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D., and report to the next meeting of Synod.

A protest against the action of the Synod in excepting to the Records of Mecklenburg Presbytery, signed by members of the Synod, was presented and read. It was, on motion, admitted to record. The protest is as follows :

The undersigned respectfully beg leave to enter their protest against Synod's action in approving the exception taken to the Records of Mecklenburg Presbytery, which exception was aimed at the bare fact of a Deacon having been a member of the Home Mission Committee of said Presbytery.

Your protestants concede that a Deacon is not a Ruler in the Church, and that if the Home Mission Committee were appointed to perform any Presbyterial acts, it would be unlawful to put a Deacon on such Committee; but inasmuch as no such acts are required of, or allowed, by said Committee, but only matters of a financial and executive char-

acter, we regard it as not improper for the Church to make use of the services of Deacons when it seems desirable.

(Signed) Wm. E. McIlwain,
Neander M. Woods,
E. H. Harding,
R. A. Miller,
C. A. Munroe,
F. H. Johnston,
A. M. Watson,
Jno. R. Winston,

The following Committee was appointed to answer the foregoing protest: Rev. John M. Rose, Rev. Wm. S. Lacy and Ruling Elder W. S. Primrose.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a report, announcing supplies for the pulpits tendered to the Synod on the Sabbath. The report was accepted and approved.

It was made a standing rule that the Roll be called at the opening of the Synod, that those who have been enrolled by the Committee of Enrollment may answer to their names.

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute expressive of the sense of the Synod in the case of the Appeal of Rev. D. P. Robinson, presented a report which, after consideration and amendment, was adopted. The report is as follows:

The Committee appointed by Synod to bring in a minute respecting the appeal of Rev. D. P. Robinson from the decision of Mecklenburg Presbytery, would make a report as follows:

The Synod remits this case to the Presbytery for a new trial for the following reasons:

1. That while the Synod would condemn any wilful abandonment of his wife by a Presbyterian Minister, yet many members of Synod do not deem the sentence of the Presbytery as justified by the evidence on record.

2. That many members of the Synod are satisfied from public statements of members of this Presbytery, and the representatives of ap-

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pellant and appellee, that the decision of Mecklenburg Presbytery was influenced by testimony which was not recorded.

3. That unintentional injustice was done the accused by a failure to cross-examine some of the witnesses giving the testimony that is on record.

H. G. Hill,
John M. Rose, Jr.,
J. A. Womack,
Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Bruton, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, being present was invited to sit as a Visiting Brother, and introduced to the Synod by the Moderator.

The Committee appointed to answer the protest of certain members of Mecklenburg Presbytery and others, made the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee appointed to answer the protest of Messrs. McIlwain and others, report the following:

The very ground on which the Synod took exception to the appointment of a Deacon on the Committee of Home Missions, of Mecklenburg Presbytery, was that Presbyterial functions were entrusted by the Presbytery to that Committee, and continually exercised by them; functions which a Deacon is not competent to perform.

John M. Rose, Jr.,
Wm. S. Lacy,
W. S. Primrose,
Committee.

The Synod then receded from business until after Divine Worship.

After recess the Synod resumed business.

The Rev. Wm. E. McIlwain, as principal, and the Rev. J. Rumple, D.D., as alternate, were appointed to preach a sermon or deliver an address at the next sesssion of Synod, on "The Duty of the Church in Securing a Larger Number of Efficient Ministers," in accordance with a resolution already adopted by the Synod.

The Treasurer of Synod was, on motion, directed to pay the Stated Clerk ten dollars to aid in defraying the expenses in the preparation of the Synodical Map.

The Synod then took recess until 3 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Synod met for business at the appointed hour.

The Agent of Evangelistic Labor, Rev. J. C. Alexander, made his report, which was received. Pending its consideration, in accordance with Standing Rule 7, verbal reports were made by Presbyterial Agents and Evangelists. The report was then approved, and the following resolution appended thereto adopted.

Resolved, That in consideration of what has been done through Evangelistic labor, and in view of what still remains to be accomplished, the Synod would urge the Presbyteries to increased and persistent efforts in this direction.

The Agent of Sustentation, Rev. H. G. Hill, D.D., made his report, which was recorded and approved, and the following resolution appended thereto adoped :

Resolved, That Synod appoint a Minister to make an address at its next meeting on the " Importance of Ministerial Support," in connection with the report on Sustentation.

In accordance with this resolution the Synod appointed Rev. H. G. Hill, D.D , to make this address.

The Committee of Leave of Absence, Rev. T. U. Faucette, Chairman, made the following report, which was received and adopted :

The Committee of Leave of Absence beg leave to report that they have received letters from the following Ministers, assigning satisfactory reasons for not attending the present meeting of Synod.

John W. Primrose, A. P. Nicholson, A. G. Buckner, E. P. Davis, C. M. Payne, S. H. Isler, B. L. Beall, W. W. Pharr, J. M. McLean, S.

Report of Committee on Leave of Absence.

M. Smith, J. P. Gammon, S. T. Martin, E. F. Rockwell, J. J. Kennedy, C. Miller, A. Walker White, C. H. Wiley, and from Professor Venable.

Of those reported absent without excuse from the last Synod:

Rev. A. M. Watson, and Rev. W. B. Arrowood report that they did send letters of excuse; and Rev. A. L. Phillips, James McQueen and A. McMillan, presented satisfactory excuses at this meeting.

Leave of absence was granted from this meeting before its close to the following ministers: McFadyen, McPherson, Atkinson, Darnall, R. A. Miller, Willis, Thom, Allison, Tidball, Arrowood, Wilhelm, Chester, Cook, McIlwain, Sprunt, Watson, Vass, Watkins, M. McQueen, McMillan, McNair, McKay.

And the following Ruling Elders:

Stewart, Cameron, A. V. Craig, L. Craig, S. C. Smith, Conoly, Donnell, Stamps, Bruner, Wharton, Avery, Beattie, Hutchison, J. D. McIver, Stinson, McLean, Patterson, Purcell, J. M. McIver.

Excused for tardiness at this meeting:

Ministers: Lacy, Colton, Ferguson, Willis, Thom, Tidball, Allison.

Ruling Elders: Womack, N. S. Smith.

The Committee of Leave of Absence was instructed not to grant leaves of absence, except for urgent reasons; and the Stated Clerk was directed to enter this action upon the Docket of the next Synod, for information and caution to the members of the Committee and of the Synod.

The Synod then took recess till 7½ P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Synod met at 7½ o'clock, and engaged in Divine Worship, the Rev. E. H. Harding, D.D., preaching from Acts, xvii.: 15, 31.

The Order of the Day for the hour was then announced, to-wit: the Memorials of Deceased Ministers.

The following Minutes touching the death of Ministers of the Synod, deceased since the last meeting of this body, were reported by the respective Committees, and were heard with serious and respectful attention by the Synod:

Memorials of Deceased Ministers.

Rev. LELAND REID McABOY, D.D.

Rev. Leland Reid McAboy, D.D., became a member of this Synod in 1874, being transferred to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg from the Presbytery of Allegheny. He was a native of Virginia, and spent the greater part of his ministry in Pennsylvania, near Pittsburg, as Pastor of Cross Roads Presbyterian Church.

He resided in Polk County, in the mission field of his Presbytery, where his family was greatly improved in health, and where he ministered without material reward, and where his name is tenderly remembered. He was not personally known to many of us; but those who knew him testify to his joyous temperament and useful life. He died suddenly at Tryon Station, near his residence, of heart disease, on the 25th of March, A. D., 1885, aged 60 years.

Rev. WM. NEWTON MORRISON.

Rev. Wm. Newton Morrison, member of Mecklenburg Presbytery, died in Asheville, N. C., January 2, 1885, aged 75 years.

He was a native of Cabarrus County, and came from one of the most honored, useful and intellectual families of our State. He studied at Princeton and Union Seminaries, and was ordained to the work of the ministry by Concord Presbytery in 1837, and his first service was in Goshen Church, then in Lincoln County.

His ministry, however, was chiefly in Buncombe County, where he fostered a few mission stations and sowed the seeds which have developed in late years into several hopeful Presbyterian Churches. He was happy and blessed in his children, who grew to maturity honored for their gentleness, usefulness and integrity—a son in the Ministry, Rev. James H. Morrison, of Louisville, returning to his father's bedside to cheer his last hours, and comfort and care for the widowed mother.

Illness and great infirmity prevented him from attending Synod for many years, and in recording his death and placing his name on the roll of our deceased Ministers, Synod bears hearty testimony to the

godly life, evangelical spirit and peaceful death of our brother and fellow-servant, Wm. N. Morrison.

Rev. JAMES LYDALL WILLIAMS.

Rev. James Lydall Williams, son of Rev. John C. Williams, deceased, was born in Abbeville, County, S. C., October 16th, 1854, and was educated at Davidson College and Columbia Seminary. He was ordained Evangelist by the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, August 20th, 1881, and assigned work in Anson County, where he labored with great fidelity and acceptability until disabled by what proved to be a fatal disease. His work, for which he seemed so well prepared and upon which he had entered with such zeal and delight, was soon ended. Scarcely was his hand outstretched to scatter the precious seed, until it fell lifeless at his side. Scarcely had his voice become familiar to his eager listeners until it was hushed in death. His sun has gone down at noon. He had not attained unto his 32nd year, when he was called to his reward, and for not more than one year was he permitted to engage regularly in ministerial work. But brief and troubled as was his ministerial life, it was long enough to clearly reveal the vigor and acuteness of his intellect, and the precious grace of the heart rendered the more beautiful and fragrant in the school of affection and all so cheerfully and unreservedly laid at the Master's feet. His sermons were happily conceived, thoroughly prepared and delivered with all the earnestness of his earnest soul, and in service, and in suffering alike, he illustrated the Gospel he preached. During these four long years of enforced silence and almost constant suffering which preceded his death, he calmly, uncomplainingly rested in God, so that when the end came he was not only willing, but waiting to depart. He passed from earth, March 5th, 1885, greatly missed by a host of friends and loved ones, and sincerely and deeply mourned for by his brethren in the ministry.

Rev. GEORGE M. GIBBS.

Since the last meeting of the Synod, God has called from the labors of earth to the rest of heaven, our brother, the Rev. Geo. M. Gibbs.

Mr. Gibbs was born and spent the earlier years of his life in the Cape Fear country; but early in his ministerial life, went to the moun-

tain regions of Western North Carolina, where he labored for many years. Then he returned to Fayetteville Presbytery, and labored there awhile, when he returned to Concord Presbytery, where he closed his useful and laborious life, a few weeks after the last meeting of the Synod. He labored in several Churches, and wherever he lived he gained the confidence and affection of the brethren. He was an earnest and intelligent Presbyterian, having come from another denomination because he preferred the doctrines and government of the Presbyterian Church. He was a faithful and practical preacher, simple and unpretending, yet courteous and polite in his manners, and full of generous sympathies. He loved the Church of God, and even in old age was willing to undertake the charge of a scattered mountain field that was sufficient to tax the energies of a man in the vigor of his prime.

This Synod desires to record its appreciation of his faithful services, his modest and gentle Christian character, and his untiring zeal in the service of the Master. His brethren also desire to tender their sympathies to the surviving families of the departed brother, and invoke upon them the blessing of the God of the everlasting Covenant.

Rev. THOMAS N. PAXTON.

Rev. Thomas N. Paxton, for the past thirty years a member of the Synod of North Carolina, has finished his labors, and been released from his burdens, since the Synod last met.

Mr. Paxton was a native of Virginia, educated there, and came in the prime of life to labor in the Churches of McDowell County, left vacant by the removal of the Rev. G. M. Gibbs. He was a sound, practical and earnest preacher of the Word, and he delighted to unfold and apply the doctrinal and practical teachings of the Bible. While his strength continued he endured hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, traveling over an extensive field, often in severe weather, and living upon a small salary. It was a cherished hope of his to die in the harness, and he struggled through several years in the infirmities of age hoping to realize his cherished desire, and in the end he was forced by overmastering infirmities to yield up his work, and lie prostrate through weary months of suffering. But he bore all with Christian

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fortitude and resignation. He was a man of decided convictions and inflexible purposes, though in manner so humble and retiring that he often reminded his brethren of the sweetness and love of the beloved disciple. He sleeps among the people among whom he labored, and where his memory is fondly cherished.

The Synod of North Carolina desires to bear its testimony to the courage, the faithfulness and the zeal of this venerable father, and to send to his disconsolate widow, left alone in the world, its Christian sympathies. May He who is the "Judge of the widow" be her stay and comfort in these lonely hours of life.

Rev. JAMES M. SPRUNT, D.D.

The Rev. James Menzies Sprunt, D.D., was born in Perth, Scotland, January 4th, 1818, and died December 6th, 1884. When about seventeen years of age, he left his native land and went to the West Indies and entered a mercantile house as clerk. The firm with which he was connected failing, he left for New York. The vessel in which he was sailing became so disabled in a storm that it put into Norfolk, where a stranger among strangers, he saw an advertisement of a teacher wanted in Kenansville, Duplin County, N. C. He went at once to Kenansville, where he established a school of high grade. His attention at length was turned to the gospel ministry. He was licensed and ordained by the Presbytery of Fayetteville, and as pastor he served the Churches af Grove, Mt. Zion and Union, for over thirty years. Such was the love and devotion of his people to him that no other man could fill his place while he was able to serve them, and such was his gratitude to them for their kind treatment of the young stranger that came among them, that he would not leave them, though repeatedly called to wider and more remunerative fields of labor. For a number of years he filled the office of Stated Clerk of Wilmington Presbytery with unsurpassed ability. As a preacher, he was profound, yet easily understood, because so clear and so transparent. Outside of his own field but little was known of his pulpit power, because he was not heard. Such was his modesty that he rarely preached away from home. In conducting the worship of the sanctuary he was gifted. As a reader he was without a peer among us. His was a spotless life—a

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pure man, an Israelite in whom there was no guile. DR. SPRUNT never sought popularity, but to know him well was to love him much.

His brethren of the Wilmington Presbytery miss him sorely. His people are like orphans—sheep without a shepherd. Alas, his genial smile, his hearty, cordial greetings are among the sad, but pleasant, memories of the past. Long will we cherish those memories.

"Soldier of Christ well done,
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter into the Master's joy."

After the conclusion of the reading of these minutes, each paper was unanimously adopted by the rising vote of Synod, and commemorative remarks were made by different brethren. After which the Synod engaged in prayer to Almighty God, these devotions being led by the Rev. John M. Rose, Jr.

The Stated Clerk was directed to transmit to the families of the deceased brethren copies of the memorials adopted, with the expression of the sympathy of the Synod, and to make the customary Memorial Record in the Book of Minutes.

The following resolution was then offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod of North Carolina tender to the members of the Presbyterian Church and congregation, and to the members of other Communions, and to the citizens of Reidsville, their sincere and hearty thanks for the courteous and elegant hospitality which has been so generously and cordially extended the members of this body, and which we have so heartily appreciated. The Synod desires also to express their appreciation of the courtesies extended by Ministers of other Churches, and further, to return thanks for reduced rates of travel granted by lines of public conveyance.

The Synod also requests the publication of this resolution in the town papers.

Adjournment.

The roll was called before final adjournment, and none found to be absent without leave.

The Minutes of the Fifth Day's Session were read and approved.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in the town of Concord, on Tuesday, the 4th day of October 1886, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Closed with singing, prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction.

J. C. ALEXANDER, *Moderator.*

J. A. RAMSAY, J. A. CAMERON, } *Temporary Clerks.*

A true copy from the records.

ATTEST: WM. S. LACY, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

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A.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

I.—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Orange Reports:

1.—31 Ministers; 67 Churches; 2 Licentiates; 6 Candidates; 4174 Communicants: and thirty-one thousand six hundred and six dollars, ($31,606), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31st, 1885, being $1 481 less than was raised the year before.

2.—301 Members were added to the Churches during the year.

3.—2 Ministers received, viz: Alex. Sprunt, Lexington, , March 26, 1885, E. H. Harding, Ebenezer, Aug. 19, 1885.

4.—4 Ministers were transferred, viz: L. B. Johnston, Lexington, Nov. 12, 1884; J. W. Primrose, Wilmington, Dec. 12, 1884; P. R. Law, Mecklenburg, Jan. 21, 1885; S. L. Wilson, West Hanover, August 22, 1885.

5.—2 Churches organized, viz: Kernersville, N. C., May 30, 1885; Wilson, N. C., July 26, 1885.

6.—Churches transferred or dissolved—none.

7.—1 Licentiate received, viz: Carr Moore, East Hanover, October 10, 1885.

8.—1 Licentiate transferred, viz: R. E. Caldwell, Louisville, Nov. 12, 1884.

9.—1 Candidate received, viz: R. P. Pell, Harmony, Nov. 12, 1884.

10. Candidates transferred—none.

11.—Ministers died—none.

12.—2 Ordinations, viz: R. B. Willis, Oct. 10, 1885; Carr Moore, Oct. 10, 1885.

13.—6 Installations, viz: Alex. Sprunt, Henderson Church, May 10,

1885; T. U. Faucette, Red House Church, Aug. 2, 1885; C. Miller, Alamance Church, Aug. 15, 1885; C. Miller, Company Shops Church, Sept. 27, 1885; C. Miller, Springwood Church, Oct. 11, 1885; R. B. Willis, Oxford Church, Oct. 11, 1885.

14.—5 Dissolutions of Pastoral relations, viz: L. B. Johnston, and Henderson and Nutbush Churches, Nov. 12, 1884; J. W. Primrose, and Oxford, Grassy Creek and Shiloh Churches, Nov. 12, 1884.

15.—1 Licensure, viz · Robert P. Pell, Nov. 13, 1884.

16.—26 Ministers in charge of 55 Churches; 22 Pastors; 4 Stated Supplies; 2 Evangelists; 0 Licentiates.

17.—12 Churches vacant.

18.—$606\frac{3}{8}$, average Salary paid Ministers in charge of Churches.

19.—9 Manses, aggregate value, $23,500.

20.—No Minister or Church in 21 Counties.

21.—The next stated meeting of Presbytery, at Wilson, N. C., on Wednesday before the 3d Sabbath in April, 1886.

By order of Presbytery:

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON,

Stated Clerk.

Hawfield's Church, 22d August, 1885.

II.—CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Concord reports:

1.—18 Ministers; 41 Churches; 2 Licentiates; 4 Candidates; 3,941 Communicants; and twenty-four thousand nine hundred dollars ($24,900), aggregate of all the funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1885, being $2,711 more than was raised the year before.

2.—296 Members were added to the Churches during the year,

3.—3 Ministers were received, viz: G. M. Gibbs, Oct. 2, 1884; C. A. Monroe, April 24, 1884, and L. McKinnon, Oct. 16, 1885.

4.—Ministers transferred—none.

5.—2 Churches organized, viz: Troutman's Depot, March 14, 1885, and Mizpah.

6.—Churches transferred or dissolved—none.

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7.—1 Licentiate received, viz: E. C Murray, from the Presbytery of Charleston, S. C., Oct. 16, 1885.

8.—Licentiates transferred—none.

9.—4 Candidates received, viz: John A. Harris, Oct. 3, 1884; John W. Lafferty, June 19, 1885; R. W. Culbertson, Sept. 7, 1885, and R. S. Arrowood, Oct. 16, 1885.

10.—Candidates transferred—none.

11.—2 Ministers died, viz: Rev. G. M. Gibbs, Feb. 2, 1885, and Rev. T. N. Paxton, Feb. 14, 1885.

12.—1 Ordination, viz: E. C. Murray, Oct. 17, 1885.

13.—2 Installations, viz: Rev. J. M. Williamson, over poplar Tent, May 9, 1885, and Rev. C. A. Monroe, over Lenoir, July 26, 1885, and over Hickory, August 2, 1885.

14.—1 Dissolution of Pastoral relations, viz: L. K. Glasgow and Bethel Church, Oct. 15, 1885.

15.—1 Licensure, viz: R. S. Arrowood, Oct. 17, 1885.

16.—15 Ministers in charge of 22 Churches; 12 Pastors; 1 Stated Supply: 1 Evangelist; 2 Licentiates; 1 Foreign Missionary, viz: Rev. John W. Davis.

17.—12 Churches vacant.

18.—$787, average salary paid Ministers in charge of Churches.

19.—13 Manses, aggregate value, $20,700.

20.—No Minister or Church in six Counties, viz: Yadkin, Alleghany, Mitchell, Watauga, Yancey, and Ashe.

21.—The next Stated Meeting of Presbytery at Third Creek Church, on Thursday before the 3d Sabbath of April, 1886, at 11 o'clock A. M.

By order of Presbytery:

Attest: WILLIAM W. PHARR,

Stated Clerk.

Mooresville Church, 17th Oct. 1885.

III.—FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville reports:

1.—19 Ministers; 51 Churches,; 1 Licentiate; 6 Candidates; 4,601 Communicants; and three thousand and forty-eight dollars and ninety-four cents ((\$3,048.94), aggregate of all the funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1885, being \$74.34 less than was raised the year before.

2.—204 Members were added to the Churches during the year.

3.—1 Minister received, viz: Rev. J. H. Colton, from Enoree Presbytery, April 1, 1885.

4.—1 Minister transferred, viz: Rev. Roger Martin, to Bethel Presbytery, October 1885.

5.—Churches received or organized—none.

6.—Churches transferred or dissolved—none.

7.—Licentiates received—none.

8. Licentiates transferred—none.

9.—1 Candidate received, viz: D. N. McLauchlin, April 4, 1885.

10.—Candidates transferred—none.

11.—Ministers died—none.

12.—Ordinations—none.

13.—2 Installations, viz: Rev. J. Evans. Ashpole, July 1, 1885, Iona, July 15, 1885.

14.—2 Dissolutions of Pastoral relations, viz: Rev. Roger Martin, Centre and Shoe Heel, April 3, 1885.

15.—Licensures—none.

16.—17 Ministers in charge of 51 Churches; 9 Pastors; 7 Stated Supplies; 2 Evangelists; 1 Licentiate; 1 engaged in teaching.

17.—4 Churches vacant.

18.—\$——, average salary paid Ministers in charge of Churches.

19.—2 Manses, aggregate value, \$4,200.

20.—All our Counties, Montgomery, Moore, Cumberland, Richmond, Robeson and Harnett, are supplied with Churches.

21.—The next stated meeting of Presbytery, at Lumber Bridge Church on Wednesday before the 2d Sabbath in April, 1885.

By order of Presbytery:

Attest: J. P. McPHERSON.
Stated Clerk.

Ben Salem Church, 3d October 1885.

IV.—WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Wilmington reports:

1.—12 Ministers; 36 Churches; 1 Licentiate; 1 Candidate; 1,603 Communicants; and eleven thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine dollars and twenty-two cents, ($11,779.22), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1885, being $4,481.78 less than was raised the year before.

2.—206 Members were added to the Churches during the year.

3.—1 Minister received, viz: Rev. J. W. Primrose, 9th January last, from Presbytery of Orange.

4.—Ministers transferred—none.

5.—4 Churches received or organized, viz: Warsaw, October 18, 1884, Chinquepin, November 2, 1884, Duplin Road, November 8, 1884, and New River Chapel, April 12, 1885.

6.—Churches transferred or dissolved—none.

7.—Licentiates received—none.

8.—Licentiates transferred—none.

9.—Candidates received—none.

10.—Candidates transferred—none.

11.—2 Ministers died, viz: Rev. James M. Sprunt, D.D., December 6, 1884, and Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D.

12.—Ordinations—none.

13.—6 Installations, viz: 11th January last, Rev. J. W. Primrose, Second Church, Wilmington; Rev. A. L. Phillips, Mt. Williams, 16th November, 1884; Rev. A. L. Phillips, 30th November, 1884, Burgaw Church; Rev. A. L. Phillips, Topsail, 6th Nov., 1884, Rev. K. McDonald, Black River, 3d May, 1885; Rev. K. McDonald, Moore's Creek, 1st May, 1885.

14.—2 Dissolutions of Pastoral relations, viz: J. R. Wilson, D.D., and First Church, Wilmington, 6th March, 1885, and Rev. A. L. Phillips and Burgaw Church, to the extent of one-fourth his time, 26th September, 1885.

15.—Licensures—None.

16.—11 Ministers in charge of 31 Churches; 6 Pastors; 5 Stated Supplies: 2 (part of time) Evangelists; 1 Licentiate—one a Professor in Theological Seminary, Dr. Wilson.

17.—5 Churches vacant, which we hope soon to supply.

Statistical Reports, Continued. Mecklenburg.

18.—$1,383.33⅓, average salary paid Ministers in charge of Churches.

19.—2 Manses, aggregate value, $6,000.

20.—No Minister or Church in one County, viz: Brunswick.

21.—The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Brown Marsh, on Wednesday before 4th Sabbath in March, 1886 at 12 o'clock M.

By order of Presbytery:

Attest: ARCHIBALD McFADYEN,
Stated Clerk.

Burgaw Church, 26th September, 1885.

V.—MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg reports:

1.—34 Ministers; 54 Churches; 2 Licentiates; 9 Candidates; 5,148 Communicants, and thirty-nine thousand seven hundred and fifteen dollars, ($39,715), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1885, being $8,948 more than was raised the year before.

2.—487 Members were added to the Churches during the year.

3.—4 Ministers were received, viz: C. W. Robinson, from Louisville Presbytery, March 25, 1885; I. N. Campbell, from Winchester, and P. R. Law, from Orange, on the same day; W. A. Dabney, from Montgomery Presbytery, March, 28, 1885.

4.—1 Minister was transferred, viz: L. R. McCormick, to Bethel Presbytery, March 27, 1885.

5.—2 Churches were received or organized, viz: Shiloh Church was received from Bethel Presbytery, March 25, 1885, and Williams Memorial was organized April 25, 1885.

6.—Churches transferred or dissolved—none.

7.—1 Licentiate received, viz: John L. McLees, from Presbytery of South Carolina, August 27, 1885.

8.—1 Licentiate transferred, viz: W. H. Neel, to West Hanover Presbytery, October 19, 1885.

9.—3 Candidates received, viz: Jas. A. McLauchlin and S. W. Spencer, August 28, 1885; John H. Johnston, October 19, 1885.

10.—Candidates transferred—none.

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11.—3 Ministers died, viz: Wm. N. Morrison, January 2, 1885; J. L. Williams, March 5, 1885, and L. R. McAboy, D.D., March 25, 1885.

12.—1 Ordination, viz: E. A. Sample, August 30, 1885, Evangelist.

13.—5 Installations, viz: C. W. Robinson, Pastor at Sugar Creek, October, 1884; I. N. Campbell, half time at Rutherfordton, October 31, 1884; P. R. Law, half time at Monroe, and half time at Matthews, June, 1885; E. P. Davis, half time at Shelby, May 9, 1885.

14.—Dissolution of Pastoral relations—none.

15.—2 Licensures, viz: Wm. H. Neel and E. A. Sample, March 27, 1885.

16.—24 Ministers in charge of 43 Churches; 12 Pastors; 10 Stated Supplies; 4 Evangelists; 1 Licentiate.

17.—11 Churches vacant.

18.—$670, average salary paid Ministers in charge of Churches.

19.—13 Manses, aggregate value, $25,000.

20.—No Minister or Church in 4 Counties, viz: Madison, Jackson, Graham, and Cherokee.

21.—The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Shelby, N. C., on Wednesday (28th April,) before 1st Sunday in May, at 7½ P. M., 1886.

By order of the Presbytery:

Attest: R. Z. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

Swannanoa Church, 29th August 1885.

B.

REPORTS OF PRESBYTERIES ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

I.—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Orange respectfully submits the following Report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31st, 1885:

1.—42	Churches	Contributed to	Sustentation,.....	$ 755 43
2.—46	"	"	" Evangelistic Fund,.....	631 06
3.—42	"	"	" Invalid Fund.....	280 05
4.—46	"	"	" Foreign Missions,.....	1,412 42
5.—44	"	"	" Education,.....	597 06
6.—40	"	"	" Publication and.....	
7.—	"	"	" Colportage,.....	215 62
8.—27	"	"	" Tuskaloosa Institute,.....	76 85
9.—	"	"	" Bible Cause and.....	
10.—20	"	"	" Miscellaneous,.....	
			Total.....	$5,569 49

Being $675 49 less than was raised the year before. 52 Churches reported, and 21 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and 31 to one or more of them. 13 Churches made no report, viz: Horeb, Elkin, Louisburg, Speedwell, Oregon, Yanceyville, Worthville, Grassy Creek, Warrenton, Calah, Mt. Airy, Company Shops, and Haywood.

By order of Presbytery.

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

Henderson Church, 28th March, 1885.

II.—CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Concord respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31st, 1885:

1.—27	Churches	contributed	to Sustentation,	$ 513 00
2.—20	"	"	" Evangelistic Fund,	658 00
3.—25	"	"	" Invalid Fund,	174 00
4.—28	"	"	" Foreign Missions,	1,838 00
5.—26	"	"	" Education,	1,029 00
6.—23	"	"	" Publication,	91 00
7.—	"	"	" Colportage,	
8.—9	"	"	" Tuskaloosa Institute,	26 00
9.—	"	"	" Bible Cause,	
10.—29	"	"	" Miscellaneous	1,163 00
	Total			$5,492 00

Being $2,050 more than was raised the year before. 29 Churches reported, and 7 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and 22 to one or more of them; 8 Churches made no report—names cannot now be ascertained.

By order of Presbytery.

Attest: WM. W. PHARR,
Stated Clerk.

Hickory Church, 25th April, 1885.

III.—FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31st, 1885:

1.—32	Churches	contributed	to Sustentation,	$ 230 00
2.—28	"	"	" Evangelistic Fund,	200 00
3.—28	"	"	" Invalid Fund,	165 00
4.—39	"	"	" Foreign Missions	1,213 00
5.—36	"	"	" Education,	379 00
6.—30	"	"	" Publication,	144 00
7.—18	"	"	" Colportage,	98 45
8.—24	"	"	" Tuskaloosa Institute	62 49
9.—	"	"	" Bible Cause,	
10.—15	"	"	" Miscellaneous,	577 00
	Total			$3,048 94

Systematic Beneficence—Wilmington.

Being $74.34 less than was raised the year before. 50 Churches reported, and 8 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and 42 to one or more of them; 1 Church made no report, viz: Rockingham.

By order of the Presbytery.

Attest: J. P. McPHERSON,
Stated Clerk.

Ben Salem Church, 2d October, 1885.

IV.—WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Wilmington respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31st, 1885:

1.—20	Churches	contributed	to	Sustentation,.....	$ 215 00
2.—17	"	"	"	Evangelistic Fund,.....	149 35
3.—17	"	"	"	Invalid Fund,.....	157 00
4.—19	"	"	"	Foreign Missions,.....	705 00
5.—19	"	"	"	Education,.....	168 47
6.—15	"	"	"	Publication,.....	32 00
7.—	"	"	"	Colportage.....	
8.—9	"	"	"	Tuskaloosa Institute.....	53 00
9.—	"	"	"	Bible Cause.....	
10.—6	"	"	"	Miscellaneous.....	235 00
				Total.....	$1,713 00

Being less than was raised the year before. 22 Churches reported, and 10 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and 17 to one or more of them; 13 Churches made no report, viz: Grove, Warsaw, Whiteville, Keith, Newport, North River, Chinquepin, Seminary, Richlands, Cobb's Mills, Black River Chapel, Moore's Creek, White Plains.

By order of Presbytery.

Attest: ARCHIBALD McFADYEN,
Stated Clerk.

Burgaw Church, 26th September, 1885.

V.—MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31st, 1885:

1.—34	Churches	contributed	to Sustentation,	$1,412 00
2.—19	"	"	" Evangelistic Fund,	989 00
3.—22	"	"	" Invalid Fund,	246 00
4.—35	"	"	" Foreign Missions,	2,925 00
5.—29	"	"	" Education,	3,060 00
6.—20	"	"	" Publication,	180 00
7.—	"	"	" Colportage,	
8.— 9	"	"	" Tuskaloosa Institute,	51 00
9.—	"	"	" Bible Cause,	
10.—	"	"	" Miscellaneous,	
			Total	$8,923 00

Being $1,194 00 more than was raised the year before. 45 Churches reported, and three of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and 35 to one or more of them; 8 Churches made no report, viz: Machpelah, Hiwassee, Bethel, Waynesville, Bethlehem, Sandy Plains, Charleston, Duncan's Creek.

By order of Presbytery.

Attest: R. Z. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

Paw Creek Church, 28th March, 1885.

C.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, IN VIRGINIA, 1885.

The Trustees and Directors of Union Theological Seminary, in Virginia, respectfully submit to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, and to the Synods of North Carolina and Virginia, this their annual

REPORT:

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation was held on the 5th and 6th of May, 1885, twenty of the twenty-four Trustees being present, to-wit:

Union Theological Seminary.

Messrs. J. J. Bullock (*President*), W. Brown, J. Rumple, J. M. Atkinson, F. H. Johnston, J. H. Smith, E. M. Armstrong, C. H. Read, C. White, W. T. Richardson, H. M. White, Alexander Martin, H. G. Hill, J. M. Sydenstricker, F. N. Watkins, W. Murdock, W. S. Lacy, W. E. McIlwaine, B. F. Hall, E. N. Hutchison.

The Seminary has had the services of five competent and faithful Professors during the whole year, and the total number of students in attendance has been 48—Seniors, 14; Middle, 15; Junior, 19. These students have come from ten States; from sixteen Colleges and Universities and from twenty-one Presbyteries.

The report of the Faculty represents that the exercises of the Seminary have been conducted with regularity; that the students have generally been attentive to their studies, and their deportment consistent with their profession as Christians, and with their obligations as members of the Seminary. As usual, quite a number left the Seminary before the close of the exercises, to attend their respective Presbyteries for licensure or for other purposes.

The following members of the Senior Class, having remained to the close, and sustained satisfactory examinations, have received the customary diplomas, viz: Randolph B. Grinnan, William C. Hagan, Milton B. Lambdin, Carr Moore, Baldwin A. Pendleton, Calvin J. Ralston, William W. Richardson, Robert B. Palmer.

The Trustees have long regretted the habit of quite a number of the students, who each year leave the Seminary several weeks, or even months, before the close of the session, but have been powerless to prevent it. The only effectual remedy is in the hands of the Presbyteries, and they would confer, not only a great favor upon the Seminary, but a lasting benefit upon their candidates, by requiring them to remain until the close of each session, and stand all their examinations before proceeding to license them to preach the gospel.

The Trustees take pleasure in reporting to the General Assembly and Synods, that the corps of instructors is full and the course thorough. In addition to the three older Professors, whose praise is in all the Churches, the institution has had for the past two years the services of Prof. W. W. Moore, as Instructor in the Hebrew Language. Prof. Moore has entered upon his work with great diligence and enthusiasm, and has adopted the most approved modern methods of teaching Hebrew, and has inspired his pupils with a remarkable degree of zeal in this department. Following what was believed to be the demands of the occasion, the Trustees have provided to continue the

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study of the Hebrew language through the whole course, with the view of giving the students such a thorough acquaintance with the language, that after graduation they will be able to continue its use with pleasure, and not with that painful labor that accompanies an imperfect acquaintance with its vocabulary or its grammar.

The Rev. J. F. Latimer, Ph. D., D.D., entered upon his duties at the opening of the present Scholastic year as professor of Ecclesiastical History and Polity, and at the close of the year was inducted formally by the Trustees into his professorship. The fidelity and success which has attended the instruction of Prof. Latimer have vindicated the wisdom of the choice of the Trustees.

The work of endowing the Fifth Professorship, that of Biblical Theology, with the English Bible as the text book, has been prosecuted with diligence by the Rev. S. Taylor Martin, the Agent of the Trustees. Previous to the 1st of April, 1885, the Agent secured subscriptions to the amount of $7,712 40, of which the sum of $5,105 05 has been paid into the hands of the Treasurer. It has been determined to prosecute the work of endowment with energy, with the hope that the present stringency in financial matters will soon pass away, and complete success crown the efforts of the Trustees of the Seminary.

The total of the invested funds of the Seminary amounts to $257,295, bearing interest at rates from 3 to 8 per cent., bringing in an income of $15,676 55 the past year. Of this income nearly $4,000 ($3,931) is from scholarships, and goes to the support of candidates for the ministry. The remainder is barely sufficient to pay the salaries of the Professors, and meet the annual expenses of repairs and improvements and interest on the Library Fund.

The number of volumes in the Library is 12,407. The increase of the past year has been 207 volumes.

The library is well selected, well arranged, and adapted to the wants of the Professors and students.

The Trustees desire to record their gratitude to our gracious Heavenly Father for the measure of health enjoyed by the Professors and students of the Seminary, for the degree of good order and attention to studies displayed, and for the success which has attended all the exercises of the session.

By order of the Trustees.

J. J. Bullock, *President.*

F. N. Watkins, *Secretary,*
Farmville, Va., 6th May, 1885.

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The officers of the corporation for 1885-'86 are as follows: Rev. Dr. J. J. Bullock, of Washington, D. C., President: Rev. Dr. F. H. Johnston, of N. C., and T. J. Kirkpatrick, Esq., of Va., Vice-Presidents; F. N. Watkins, Farmville, Secretary and Treasurer.

The title of the Corporation is, "*The Trustees of Union Theological Seminary in Va.*"

The Faculty consists of Rev. Dr. B. M. Smith, T. E. Peck, H. C. Alexander, J. F. Latimer, and W. W. Moore.

The next session begins on 2nd September, 1885, and terminates 5th May, 1886.

The post-office address of the Faculty and of students is "*Hampden Sidney, Va.,*" and that of the Treasurer is "*Farmville, Va.*"

F. N. WATKINS, *Secretary.*

Farmville, Va., 6th May, 1885.

APPENDIX TO REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN VIRGINIA, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND SYNODS OF VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA.

The Trustees and Directors of Union Theological Seminary respectfully submit to the General Assembly and Synods of North Carolina and Virginia, the following report of a meeting held in the Library Building of the Seminary, September 24th, 1885, at 12 M., at the call of the President of the Corporation, according to the "Constitution and Plan," Article II. Section I.:

The object of the meeting was to elect a Treasurer and Secretary to fill the place made vacant by the death of the Hon. Judge F. N. Watkins.

Fourteen members were present, as follows:

From the Synod of North Carolina.—Ministers:—Rev. J. Rumple, D.D., Rev. J. M. Atkinson, D.D., Rev. J. H. Smith, D.D., Rev. H. G. Hill, D.D., Rev. W. S. Lacy. Elders:—Dr. E. N. Hutchison, Wm. Murdock, B. F. Hall.

From the Synod of Virginia.—Ministers:—Rev. Dr. C. H. Read, Rev. Dr. Charles White. Rev. Dr. Alexander Martin, Rev. William Brown. Elders:—Colonel E. M. Armstrong, Major T. J. Kirkpatrick.

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Col. J. P. Fitzgerald, Ruling Elder of the Church in Farmville, was elected Treasurer, and has since qualified.

Rev. Chas. White, D.D., Worsham, Va., was elected Secretary, and entered at once upon his duties.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Board of Trustees and directed to be forwarded to the Synods for their approval:

Resolved 1*st*, That there be added to the officers of this Board a Vice-Treasurer, who, on the death, resignation, or disability of the Treasurer, shall give bond in the same penalty as that required in the bond of the Treasurer, and who, as soon as his bond shall have been approved by the Executive Committee, shall, under the direction of said Committee, receive the assets and securities of the Seminary, and thereafter be charged with all the duties and vested with all the powers of the Treasurer, until the appointment of a Treasurer at the next meeting of the Board, and his due qualification.

Resolved 2nd, That this alteration of the "Constitution and Plan" of the Seminary be communicated to the Synods of North Carolina and Virginia, at their next sessions for approval.

The sanction of the Synod of North Carolina is respectfully asked to the above amendment.

Since our last annual meeting the Board has been called to mourn and record the death of two of the most honored and valued members, Rev. J. L. Kilpatrick, D.D., who died June 24th, 1885, and Hon. Judge F. N. Watkins, who died September 5th, 1885. Suitable memorials were placed on record.

By order of the Trustees.

T. J. KIRKPATRICK, *President.*

CHARLES WHITE, *Secretary.*

Worsham, Prince Edward County, Va.

Article VIII. of Constitution and Plan reads as follows:

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1. This Constitution and Plan may be altered at any annual meeting of the Board, by a vote for such a change of five-sixths of the members present.

SEC. 2. Any other regulations for the management of the Seminary, deemed advisable by the Board, and not inconsistent with the articles

of this Constitution and Plan, may be adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, at any annual meeting.

SEC. 3. All changes herein contemplated, and all additions deemed of sufficient importance for such a procedure, shall be reported to the Synods *for their approbation.* And while such changes or additions may be valid until the meetings of the Synods, in the event of the disapprobation of those bodies, the Board shall feel instructed to repeal such changes or additions.

CHARLES WHITE, *Secretary.*

D

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SYNOD.

Receipts.

Balance on hand, last report, October, 1884,					$ 40 18
Mecklenburg Presbytery, assessment of 1884					45 00
Fayetteville	"		"	"	50 00
Concord	"		"	"	45 00
Wilmington	"		"	1885	30 00
Orange	"	part	"	"	8 45
Total,					$218 63

Payments.

Paid Rev. W. S. Lacy, Stated Clerk, Salary and Account from Synod 1883, to Synod 1884	$ 77 50
Paid Uzzell & Gatling, Printing and Mailing Dockets	12 50
Paid Jackson & Bell for Minutes of Synod, 1885	128 63
Total,	$218 63

Respectfully submitted.

JESSE H. LINDSAY, *Treasurer.*

Greensboro, N. C., October 18th, 1885.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

THE REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO THE SYNOD HELD AT REIDSVILLE, N. C., OCTOBER 20TH, 1885.

The Trustees of your venerable body respectfully report:

That your Trustees held their annual meeting at Charlotte, N. C., October 19th, 1885.

That your Trustees have not collected or disbursed any funds since the last Report, nor have they been advised of any business requiring their attention.

By order of the Board.

J. E. BROWN, *Chairman.*

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STATISTICS OF REPORTS OF SYNODICAL AGENTS.

(In Accordance with Rule 14, Standing Rules of Synod.)

I.—SUSTENTATION.

1*st. As to Ministerial Support:*—Synod has ordained Ministers, 113; Laboring Ministers, 97; Licentiates, 8; Churches, 244. It pays in salaries, according to Assembly's Minutes, $60,372.

	Laboring Ministers	Communicants.	Pays
Concord	16	3,941	$11,806
Fayetteville	18	4,601	8,747
Mecklenburg	25	5,148	16,075
Orange	28	4,174	15,434
Wilmington	10	1,603	8,310
Synod	97	19,467	$60,372

Reports of Synodical Agents. Sustentation.

Average Salary Actually Paid: In Concord Presbytery, $737; in Fayetteville, $486; in Mecklenburg, $643; in Orange, $551; in Wilmington, $831: Synod, $622.

This average has been obtained by considering only Laboring Ministers preaching to charges within their Presbyteries, and the salaries reported in the Assembly's Minutes as actually paid. The average salary thus estimated as paid in the Synod is $21 less than last year.

This average merely approximates the support actually given, as some Ministers have promised much more than is reported as paid in the Assembly's Minutes, while the sums received by such Ministers as are partly employed as Colporteurs, Evangelists, Professors or Teachers, are not considered in the estimate. If the salaries received by the Ministers in the larger towns and cities were omitted, the average salary paid in some of our Presbyteries would be much reduced. The whole amount paid in salaries by the Synod to 97 Ministers is more than that paid last year to 93 Ministers by $524. But the average salary paid laboring Ministers is less than last year by $21.

Though the aggregate amount paid for ministerial support shows some improvement, yet the contribution to this object is only about $3.10 per communicant, and the average salary actually paid working Ministers in the Synod, $622, is smaller than that received in any other pursuit requiring similar intelligence and ability.

Your Agent would suggest that the standard of ministerial support could be raised if our Presbyteries would take steps to have our people instructed in the scriptural doctrines that our substance should be consecrated to God, and that the "Lord hath ordained that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel." It would also tend to promote this object if our Presbyteries would decline settling a Minister, who needs maintenance, over a charge offering an inadequate support, and would by visiting committees exercise regular Presbyterial oversight in their Churches in regard to this matter, with a view to adjusting the stipend paid, to the changing circumstances of Ministers and people.

2nd. As to Sustentation: The relation as to co-operation with the Assembly's Home Mission Committee in this work by our Presbyteries is as follows:

Concord does not co-operate, though Churches or individuals within its bounds contributed to Assembly's Treasury, for Sustentation, $30.

Fayetteville gives twenty per cent. of its receipts for Sustentation.

Mecklenburg contributes ten per cent. of its collections.

Reports of Synodical Agents. Sustentation.

Orange sends all its receipts to the Assembly's Treasury and draws from it what is needed in its own bounds.

Wilmington follows the same plan as Orange.

During the past year all our Presbyteries, except Orange, contributed to the Assembly's Treasury for Sustentation more than they have drawn from it.

The contributions to Sustentation and the disbursements have been as follows:

	Cause.	Assembly's Committee.	Receipts.	Disbursements.
Concord Contributed	$ 512	$ 30	.....	$ 512
Fayetteville "	300	62	.....	270
Mecklenburg "	1472	66	.....	1472
Orange "	565	565	91	391
Wilmington "	282	282	2 75	225
Synod "	$ 3131	$ 1005	$ 666	$ 2870

The amount raised in the Synod for Sustentation purposes is obviously inadequate for aiding feeble Churches within our own bounds, and signally fails to meet the wants of such Churches in the home field under the care of our Assembly.

The Assembly's Home Mission Committee reports that $50,000 will be needed for Sustentation work in our whole Church during the coming year.

As we have thirteen Synods, the minimum amount that should be raised by our Synod is $4,000, and as ours stands second in strength, it would not be unreasonable to expect the Synod of North Carolina to raise $5,000 for Sustentation during the next year. If each Presbytery will make an earnest effort to raise for this cause from $800 to $1,000 and by its Home Missions Committee apportion this sum among the Churches, according to their ability, by the first week in January, 1885, the object can be accomplished, with the efficient co-operation of Ministers and Church officers.

To promote Sustentation work within our bounds, not only must our contributions be increased, but other measures must be steadily employed by our Presbyteries.

Reports of Synodical Agents. Sustentation.

Isolated, weak Churches must be attached to the nearest strong charge.

Pastors and Supplies must multiply their labors on the Sabbath and during the week.

Feeble Churches must be grouped according to their geographical position, and held together as one pastoral charge. It might be wise, too, to allow a majority of the communicants in a charge to elect separately the same pastor. It would also be a better policy to aid *pastoral charges* when necessary, instead of detached Churches. These measures have been adopted to some extent by our Presbyteries, yet we have in the Synod thirty-eight vacant Churches, or eleven less than last year. The whole number of Churches is six greater than last year.

Concord has 5 vacant Churches; Fayetteville 4; Mecklenburg 9; Orange 10, and Wilmington 10. Some Churches reported as vacant in the Assembly's Minutes have been partially supplied during the year, and others have a mere nominal existence.

In the Synod, during the year, twenty-two Church buildings have been begun, completed or repaired. In Concord 1; Fayetteville 7; Mecklenburg 8; Orange 3; Wilmington 3.

Some progress has been made in providing pastoral charges with Manses. Concord has 11—1 gained; Fayetteville 2; Mecklenburg 11, and 4 begun; Orange 13—2 gained during year; Wilmington 3. The Synod 42.

3d. As to Invalid Fund: In regard to this fund the Presbyteries of Fayetteville, Orange and Wilmington co-operate with the Assembly's Committee. Concord and Mecklenburg act independently, though in the former Presbytery a small sum was contributed for this cause to the Assembly's Treasury. The contributions and disbursements have been as follows:

PRESBYTERIES.	Cause.	Assembly's Committee.	Receipts.	Disbursements.
Concord Contributed	$ 174	$ 5	.....	$ 174
Fayetteville "	176	176	.....	.....
Mecklenburg "	246	.....	.....	246
Orange "	335	335	140	140
Wilmington "	177	177	83	100
Synod	$1108	$ 693	$223	$ 660

Aided in Concord Presbytery, 1 family; in Mecklenburg Presbytery, 2 families; in Orange Presbytery, 1 person, 2 families; in Wilmington Presbytery, 1 family. In Synod, 1 person, 6 families.

II.—EDUCATION.

The cause of Education is vital in the Presbyterian Church. Truth is in order to holiness, and a certain degree of mental training is in order to the reception and appreciation of the truth, and especially to the faithful exposition and enforcement of the inspired volume of Divine truth. Therefore the Church of God in its early and aggressive days was active and zealous in the establishment and maintainance of schools of sacred learning. Even in the days of the Hebrew economy, we find schools of the Prophets established at Gilgal, Bethel, and probably at other places. And if the time should come when our Church should fail to maintain and cherish schools under her own supervision and control she will be shorn of her strength, and we may write "Ichabod" over the posts of her doors.

In taking a general review of the subject of Education, our attention will first, and naturally, be called to our Candidates for the Ministry, and the number of them under our control. Last year the whole number reported in the Synod of North Carolina, was twenty-one. This year exactly the same number is reported in the Minutes of the General Assembly. Of these Concord Presbytery has two, Fayetteville six, Mecklenburg six, Orange six, Wilmington one.

Last year the whole number of Candidates reported was 234. This year the number is 247, an increase of 13. The increase in numbers has been steady since 1881, when we had only 144 Candidates.

The parts of the Church that furnish the largest proportion of Candidates for the Ministry, will be seen from the followig statistics, as to the ratio of Candidates to the Ministers:

In the Synod of Mississippi the per cent is 40; in Alabama, 36; in Nashville, 34: in Kentucky, 30; Arkansas, 23; Georgia, 23; Memphis, 19; Texas, 19; North Carolina, 18½; South Georgia and Florida, 16; South Carolina, 15; Missouri, 15.

Last year North Carolina stood eight in the roll of the twelve Synods in regard to the ratio of her Candidates to her Ministers. This year she stands ninth, having allowed Texas to pass above her in the

roll. With her facilities for education, and the measure of prosperity God has given to her, it painfully suggests the fact that we are not laboring and praying as we should to recruit the ranks of the Ministry.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For the year ending April, 1885, Concord Presbytery contributed $1,029 00; Fayetteville, $379 00; Mecklenburg; $2,0.0 00; Orange, $690 00; Wilmington, $160 00; total, $5,308 00. Last year the total was $5,297; that is, just $11 more than the previous year.

For six years past the increase has been as follows: In 1880 the contributions amounted to $1,494; in 1881 to $1,716; in 1882 to $1,102; in 1883 to $2,077; in 1884 to $5,297. Last year we nearly doubled upon the preceding year, this year we gave only $11 more! This lack of increase is principally owing to the fact that year before last Concord gave a liberal contribution to the endowment of Davidson College, as against a much smaller payment this year. In regard to contributions to the cause of Education, the Synod of North Carolina is inferior only to two Synods The Synod of Virginia with her 212 Ministers, and 26,605 communicants, reports only $6,771, and the Synod of Texas with her 109 Ministers and 7,895 Communicants report $6,265, while the Synod of North Carolina with her 113 Ministers and 19,467 communicants reports $5 308. That is, Virginia give 25 cents per communicant, North Carolina gives 27 cents, and Texas gives 80 cents—three times as much per communicant. Such facts are well calculated to cause great searchings of heart, concerning the question of duty. We send Missionaries to Texas, while Texas far outsteps us in activity and liberality.

INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

The principal institutions of learning under our care is Union Seminary and Davidson College.

UNION SEMINARY

Is now well equipped with five Professors. It has been well attended during the past and present years, and there has been special satisfaction with the course of instruction. While the old and tried Professors

have maintained their well won reputation for scholarship and skill and faithfulness in teaching, the two new Professors from North Carolina, Drs. Latimer and Moore, have awakened enthusiasm in their respective departments. The introduction of new and modern methods of instruction in Hebrew, and the zeal of the youthful Professor, has excited the desire of the students for additional instruction in that department, and the Trustees have responded by extending the Hebrew course by nearly one-third.

The Agent for the endowment of the Chair of Biblical Instruction in English has continued his work with a reasonable degree of success.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE

At this juncture has special claims to our attention, our prayers and our patronage. For a year or two past there have been some difficulties, resulting in the reduction of the number of students and the resignation of the President and some of the Professors. In the good Providence of God all the vacancies have been well filled, and for the first time in her history, an Alumnus of the College, and a Carolinian, has been placed in the Presidency. It is a source of great pleasure to learn that this election has received the approbation of the general public in a remarkable manner. The number of students in attendance has at once gone up from about 85 to 105, with the prospect of more at the opening of the next session.

The endowment of the College now amounts to about $100,000, and an efficient agent has been engaged to canvass our Churches and secure an additional endowment of $50,000, for the purpose of endowing two more Professorships. The Agent and his cause are cordially commended to all our Churches, and the College to the confidence and patronage of our people.

It is now a generally accepted fact that our Churches must depend chiefly upon Davidson College for the supply of her Ministers. Of her 121 Ministers and Licentiates, the denominational Colleges have trained 72, and Davidson College alone has given us 44, or more than one-third of the whole, while all the State Colleges combined have given us only 30, or one-fourth of the whole. This fact speaks volumes in behalf of this noble Institution.

In conclusion, your Agent desires especially to urge the importance of fostering classical schools and academies wherever it is practicable. These will give facilities to the sons of our Christian families for pre-

paration for College, and there become feeders to the College, and sources of supply to the ranks of the Ministry.

III.—PUBLICATION.

The Agent of Publication respectfully presents the following report:

1. *Statistical.* It is impossible to ascertain with accuracy the amount contributed by our Churches to this cause, for the reason that the Minutes of the Assembly and the Report of the Treasurer of the Assembly's Committee do not agree. Besides two of the Presbyteries (Concord and Mecklenburg) do not co-operate with our Assembly's Committee in the prosecution of this work and forward only a part of the contributions received from the Churches to the Committee at Richmond.

The Treasurer of the Assembly's Committee acknowledges receipts from the Presbyteries of the Synod as follows:

PRESBYTERIES.	Number of Churches.	Amount.
Concord	2	$ 2 00
Fayetteville	37	242 69
Orange	38	199 22
Wilmington	21	66 85
Mecklenburg		
Total	98	$510 76

According to the Assembly's Minutes the contributions to this cause were as follows:

PRESBYTERIES.	Number of Churches.	Amount.
Concord	23	$ 19 00
Fayetteville	30	144 00
Mecklenburg	19	180 00
Orange	38	203 00
Wilmington	14	31 00
Total	124	$649 00

There are in the Synod 244 Churches, and of this number 138 contributed to this cause, either to the work as conducted by the Assembly, or as conducted independently by the Presbyteries. One hundred and six Churches failed to contribute anything. Distributed as follows:

PRESBYTERIES.	Contributing Churches.	Non-Contributing Churches.
Concord	23	17
Fayetteville	37	14
Mecklenburg	19	34
Orange	38	27
Wilmington	21	14

Total, 138 contributing Churches, and 106 non-contributing Churches.

The whole amount contributed to this cause by the Churches of the Synod is $51 less than the amount given last year, and the decrease has been growing for several years—$220 less than amount given in 1883 and $269 less than in 1882.

The average for members, counting only the contributing Churches, is about four cents. It is perfectly manifest that our Churches do not feel that interest in this cause which its importance demands. Many of the Churches which give nothing to aid the prosecution of this work are at least strong in members if not in wealth, and by a united effort might do something.

2. *Colportage.* The work of Colportage has been carried on with some vigor in the Presbyteries of Concord, Mecklenburg, and Fayetteville, but nothing has been effected in the Presbyteries of Orange and Wilmington.

In Concord a Colporteur is kept constantly employed, and has been for several years—who has sold during the past year something over $375 worth of books. In Fayetteville five Colporteurs have been kept at work more or less of the time during the whole year, who visited some one thousand families, and made sales more or less in almost every family. Some fifteen hundred books were thus put into circulation, besides a smaller number donated and a large number of tracts distributed. Your Agent has obtained no report of the work done in Mecklenburg.

3. *General Cause.* As to the general work of Publication nothing need perhaps be noted excepting the encouraging information of its improved financial condition, and the healthy growth of the business of the Depository.

IV.—FOREIGN MISSIONS

The last report of the Assembly's Committee (March 31st, 1885,) shows the aggregate of all funds contributed to Foreign Missions during the last year by the Southern Presbyterian Church, was $72,548; and the Synod of North Carolina, (membership being less than one-seventh of the whole Church), raised $9,628—(between one-seventh and one-eighth of the whole amount.) Being $1,113 *more* than was raised in the Synod the year before.

Mecklenburg Presbytery $2,959, increase $346; Concord Presbytery $2,221, increase $798; Fayetteville Presbytery $1,871, increase $164; Orange Presbytery $1,702, increase $341; Wilmington Presbytery $833 decrease $495; Synodical collection (Winston,) $42; total, $9,628.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EFFORTS.

In Mecklenburg Presbytery: Eight Sunday schools raised $395; Charlotte First and Second Churches, Lincolnton, Mallard Creek, Asheville, Steele Creek, New Hope and Amity.

In Concord Presbytery: Twelve Sunday Schools raised $260; Statesville, Lenoir, Thyatira, Unity, Morganton Norwood, Davidson College, Franklin, Bethany, Salisbury, Mooresville and Rocky River.

In Orange Presbytery: Ten Sunday Schools raised $166; Greensboro, Chapel Hill, Buffalo, Winston, High Point, Hawfields, Raleigh First Church, Red House, Newbern, Hillsboro.

In Fayetteville Presbytery: Eleven Schools raised $161; Laurinburg, Tirza, Buffalo, St. Andrews, Bluff, Lumber Bridge, Laurel Hill, Ashpole, Centre, Shoe Heel, Union.

In Wilmington Presbytery: Three Sunday Schools raised $96; Wilmington First Church, Mt. Olive, Hallsville.

That is to say: Forty-four Sunday Schools raised $1,078. Increase of eleven Sunday Schools and of $657 in amount raised.

OFFERINGS OF LADIES' AID SOCIETIES.

Twenty in Mecklenburg Presbytery raised $1,003; Charlotte First

and Second Churches (two in each), Long Creek, Hopewell, Castania Grove, Gospel Helpers, Charlotte, Lincolnton, Goshen, Pineville, Charlotte, F. M., Olney, Highlands (two), Steele Creek, Sugar Creek, Gastonia, Philadelphia, Waynesville.

Nineteen in Fayetteville Presbytery raised $652; Bluff, Bethesda, Laurinburg, Bethel, St. Paul, Tabor, Buffalo, Union, Euphronia, Laurel Hill, Sardis, Fayetteville, Centre and Shoe Heel, Montpelier, Bethlehem, Lumber Bridge, Big Rockfish, Smyrna, Carthage, Ashpole.

Ten in Orange Presbytery raised $570; Raleigh First Church, Greensboro (two), Raleigh Second Church, Peace Institute, Raleigh, Busy Bee Band, Raleigh, Buffalo, Winston (two), Hillsboro.

Thirteen in Concord Presbytery, raised $520; Centre, Statesville (two), Unity, Bethel, Franklin, Thyatira, Poplar Tent, Fifth Creek, Mooresville, Marion, Concord, Concord Town.

Three in Wilmington Presbytery raised $200; Wilmington First and Second Churches, and Hallsville.

That is to say: Sixty-five Ladies' Aid Societies raised $2,945. Increase of fifteen organizations and $794 in amount raised.

The Synod reported 244 Churches last year, and 187 of them contributed to Foreign Missions. It appears that 57 Churches reported nothing. Nearly all of these (except Lexington and Pittsboro) were without the services of Ministers, and belong to that class of Churches which suffer through their poverty, lack of representation in Presbytery or ministerial service; indeed, many of them appear on the rolls of the Assembly vacant, or so entirely unrepresented and unreported, as that the Stated Clerks could only report their names, and no Elders, no Deacons and *no members*, no children in Sunday Schools—their *location* in one of our Presbyteries being all that is known of some of them. Mt Carmel, Mark's Creek and Rockingham in Fayetteville Presbytery; Warrenton, in Orange Presbytery; Chinquepin, Seminary, North River, Newport, Keith, Warsaw, in Wilmington Presbytery.

It is proper to observe that *three* separate efforts were successfully made to raise funds for Foreign Missions in the following Churches: Statesville, Thyatira, Unity (in Rowan), Franklin (in Rowan), Mooresville (new Church), Laurinburg, Buffalo (in Fayetteville), Bluff, Lumber Bridge, Laurel Hill, Ashpole, Centre (in Fayetteville), Shoe Heel, Union (in Fayetteville), Steele Creek, Charlotte First and Second Churches, Lincolnton, Greensboro, Buffalo (in Orange), Winston,

Raleigh First Church, Hillsboro, Wilmington First Church (24). The Raleigh Second Church, Marion and Poplar Tent Churches contributed only through the Ladies' Aid Societies, and the Amity Church only through the Sunday School.

Charlotte raised the most money—the aggregate amount from all efforts there being $1,679, Wilmington $628, Statesville $377, Greensboro $367, Raleigh $245, Mooresville $229.

Unity (Rowan County), with a membership of 140, raised $166, while Steele Creek, 450 members, raised $142; Rocky River, 300 members, raised $88, while Third Creek, 191 members, raised $80. The Salisbury and Lincolnton Churches raised, through their Sunday Schools, additional money for the cause, which was not reported or handled by the Assembly's Treasurer. Encouraging improvement is observed in many Churches which have not contributed much for some years.

Such is the response of the Synod to the order to "*Go into all the world*," for the year ending March 31, 1885. Our people have done their average portion of all that was done for the cause by our Church, and their contributions are increasing every year. In presenting it to our people as still worthy of their attention and liberal offerings, we can say: The Cross, the symbol of our cause, is rising, while others are waning. At least 400,000,000 of our race regard the Crucified Nazarene as the Saviour of the world. The Saviour, who suffered and is able to save because He suffered, has been believed on by millions of the best men and women the world ever saw, and He has been behind all the progress the race has ever made. As His cause advances, civilization advances, and superstition and ignorance decline. These facts no man can deny or explain, who does not believe the hand of God has been in them.

Brethren: Our cause is His cause. What we do to preach "The Lord Jesus" is pleasing to our Father in Heaven, and "The hand of the Lord," we may confidently believe "will be with us." We may still hopefully plead the example of the Disciples who were first called Christians: "Then the Disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in India; which also they did and sent it to the Elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul." Acts xi, 29, 30.

V.—SABBATH SCHOOLS.

SYNODICAL STATISTICAL SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT FOR 1885:

PRESBYTERIES.	No. on Rolls.			Scholars admitted to Communion.	Amounts for Schools.	Amounts for Beneficence.
	Schools	Teachers	Scholars			
Orange	40	324	2424	101	$ 720	$ 240
Fayetteville	36	275	2169	76	337	194
Mecklenburg	18	192	1668	79	496	147
Concord	38	249	1965	91	437	480
Wilmington	16	158	889	57	347	81
Total	148	1198	9115	404	$2337	$1142
Total in 1884	163	1414	11007	362	$1923	$1717
Decrease	15	216	1892	.....	.....	575
Increase	.....	.....	.....	42	414	.....

VI.—EVANGELISTIC LABOR.

Concord Presbytery reports that they have one Evangelist laboring in their bounds. They need at least six additional Evangelists to meet the wants of their territory. That the whole amount of money expended for this cause was $658. They have organized two new Churches; that forty members have been added to the Church; sixteen adults have been baptized and nineteen infants. That one Church building has been completed, that one has been begun and three or four are needed. They have not the money to employ the needed laborers, or to build the houses of worship now necessary. They do not co-operate with the General Assembly's Committee. They have six counties which have no Presbyterian Church. That Evangelistic work is more hopeful than it was a year ago.

Fayetteville Presbytery reports one Evangelist employed the whole of the time, and one candidate for the Ministry employed in four vacant Churches for four months. That they need one Evangelist, who, with the work done by settled Pastors, could occupy their entire field. That there is no county in their bounds without a Presbyterian Church, and only one county with but two Churches. That the Evangelistic

field paid about $160, and that there were collected from other sources about $300. Total for Evangelistic work, $460. That the Presbytery gives the General Assembly Committee of Home Missions 50 per cent. of receipts, and draws nothing. That they have organized no Churches. That the members received and persons baptized are unknown. That they have supplied six or seven destitute places or vacant Churches. That three Church buildings have been completed, one repaired, one begun, and that two additional buildings are needed. That their Evangelist is Colporteur at large; that he has sold about $300 worth of religious literature, and visited many families. That most of their Pastors and Stated Supplies do evangelistic work in the regions round about their charges; that these labors lead to the organization of Sabbath Schools, additions to the Central Church and the establishment of new Churches in the course of time. That our Church is slowly strengthening in their bounds; that as compared with last year, they have no more Ministers, but report about 134 more members, and additions for past six months would greatly increase this number; some four Churches have added 82 members.

Orange Presbytery reports that they have three Ministers employed the whole of the time as Evangelists for destitute points and feeble, isolated Churches, and one one-fourth of the time; that their Pastors labor from one to three Sabbaths, with as much week-day service as may be needed, in destitute places, and assisting the Evangelists in their respective fields with protracted meetings, and with good results. That the Evangelistic fields pay $900 or $1,000, and the Evangelistic fund raised by apportionment among their Churches is about $700—total paid for Evangelistic labor about $1,650. That at least three additional Evangelists are needed; that they have not the means of employing these laborers; that they organized three new Churches, received 26 members, baptized 8 adults and 5 infants; that they have 21 counties with no Presbyterian Church; fourteen counties with only one, and three counties with but two. That their Evangelistic labors have resulted in much good. Old and feeble Churches have been greatly revived and strengthened and grouped, and the pastoral relation formed; that they have but one pastorate without the regular preaching of the Gospel. That as compared with the preceding year the prospects of the Church are very much improved. That they do not co-operate with the General Assembly.

Wilmington Presbytery reports that they have two Ministers engaged in Evangelistic work a part of their time; that this does not meet the needs of their Presbytery; that they have opening for

three earnest Evangelists, but they have neither the money nor men to carry on the work as it ought to be done to overtake their destitutions in a reasonable time. That the evangelistic field raised $15, and $350 were collected from other sources—total collected for this branch of Church work, $365. That they organized one Church, added fifteen members, baptized two adults and one infant total, three. That they supplied three destitute places, begun two church buildings, and need two (2) additional church buildings. That our Church is steadily strengthening and extending in their bounds. That the condition and prospects of our Chuch, as compared with the preceding year, are more encouraging. That they have one county which has no Presbyterian Church, two counties that have but one Church, and two that have but two Churches. That they do co-operate with the General Assembly Committee.

Mecklenburg Presbytery reports that they have no general Evangelist: that they have seven local Evangelists. That they need two general Evangelists and not less than four local ones. That they can command neither the men nor money to employ the labor for the opening harvest. That the Evangelistic field pays about $2,700, and some $2,200 from other sources. That they have organized two Churches. That they have completed three Church buildings, begun four, repaired four and need three additional ones. That this branch of our work, as compared with the preceding year, is very encouraging. That they do not co-operate with the General Assembly's Committee. That they have four counties that have no Presbyterian Church, and four counties with but two.

SUMMARY.

The Synod of North Carolina has five Presbyteries, 244 Churches, 19,467 communicants—a gain during the year of five Churches—a loss of 483 members. Three Presbyteries do not co-operate with the General Assembly's Committee, viz: Concord, Mecklenburg and Orange; one in part, viz: Fayetteville, and one in full, viz: Wilmington. According to the Minutes of the General Assembly one Presbytery has increased their contributions to this cause $51 00, viz; Mecklenburg; four Presbyteries have fallen back, viz: Orange $2 00, Fayetteville $50 00, Concord $112 00, and Wilmington $65 00. Net loss $178 00; total loss $229 00. Total amount contributed, $2,625; less than the preceding year, $178 00.

In the bounds of the Synod there are employed in part, or for the

whole of the time, sixteen Ministers in Evangelistic labor. Of these Concord one, Fayetteville two (2), Mecklenburg seven (7), Orange four. There are needed nineteen additional Evangelists, viz: in Concord, six; in Fayetteville, one; in Wilmington, three; in Orange, three, and in Mecklenburg, six. All the Presbyteries report that they have not the means to employ the Evangelists needed. There are in the bounds of the Synod thirty-two counties with no Presbyterian Church, viz: Concord, six; Mecklenburg, four; Orange twenty-one; Wimington, one; Fayetteville and Mecklenburg, none. There are sixteen counties in which there is but one Presbyterian Church, viz: Wilmington, two; Orange, fourteen; Concord, Mecklenburg and Fayetteville, none.

All the Presbyteries report that as compared with the preceding year, this branch of our work is more prosperous and encouraging.

G

STANDING RULES OF SYNOD.

REVISED NOVEMBER, 1883.

I. OF ENROLLMENT, ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE.

1. The Stated Clerk, the Pastor of the Church in which the Synod holds its annual session, and the Delegate of the Session of said Church, shall constitute a Committee of Enrollment, who shall, at a convenient hour before the opening of the Synod, prepare the Roll of the Synod. And to the Committee of Enrollment shall each member report for enrollment upon appearing at Synod.

2. It shall be the duty of each member, unless released by vote of the Synod, when providentially prevented from attending the Synod, to address a letter to the Moderator, stating reasons for his detention.

3. The Moderator shall at every meeting appoint a Standing Com-

mittee on leave of Absence. To this Committee all excuses for absence or late attendance, and for the latter on the part of Ruling Elders as well as Ministers, shall be rendered. The Roll shall be called before final adjournment, and those absent without permission shall be called to answer for such irregularity.

II. OF THE OFFICERS AND APPOINTEES OF SYNOD.

4. A majority of all the votes given shall be necessary in the election of the officers of the Synod.

5. The Treasurer shall submit to the Synod, annually, his book, together with a report of receipts and expenditures, presenting vouchers for the same.

6. The Trustees of Synod shall be elected every four years, and they shall present annually a full written report of the funds in their hands.

7. Agents shall be appointed on each of the following departments of the Church's work, viz: Foreign Missions, Sustentation, Education, Publication, Evangelistic Labor and Sabbath-schools. And it shall be the duty of these Agents to take into consideration the whole field committed to their supervision, and to present at each meeting of the Synod a written report of all that is doing within the bounds of Synod on the subjects severally assigned to them. The Agents for these respective subjects, or chairmen of Committees, in the several Presbyteries shall forward to the Synodical Agents such reports as are needful in the preparation of their reports to the Synod. And the Synod shall appoint Orders of the Day for each of these causes at each annual meeting. In connection with the Order for Evangelistic Labor the Synod will hear reports from Presbyterial Agents and Evangelists. And in connection with the consideration of Foreign Missions, a collection may also be taken for this object.

III. OF COMMITTES.

8. A Standing Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting, to whom the Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries shall be referred. And this Committee shall condense the same, and report to the Synod any matter contained in these reports calling for action by this body.

9. A Standing Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting, to whom the reports of the Presbyteries on Systematic Beneficence shall be referred. And this Committee shall condense the same and

report to the Synod, recommending any action called for on the subject. The Presbyterial Reports shall cover the fiscal year of the Assembly.

10. A Standing Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting to examine the Synodical Records and report thereon.

IV. OF THE STATED CLERK AND THE MINUTES.

11 The Stated Clerk shall forward to the Librarian of Union Theological Seminary and the Librarian of Davidson College, the Secretary of the Presbyterian Historical Society, and the Secretary of the North Carolina Historical Society, a copy of the Minutes of the Synod as published annually.

12. He shall issue and sign certificates whenever necessary, for the return of members and their families on the railroads of the State to their homes.

13. The Stated Clerk shall publish in the Appendix to the printed Minutes the reports of the Presbyteries furnishing statistics to the Synod, the statistics of the annual reports of the Synodical Agents, when approved by the Synod, requesting on behalf of the Synod the publication of the full reports in the *North Carolina Presbyterian;* a list of the officers and appointees of the Synod; the Standing Rules of the Synod and a Docket of the business of the Synod at its next annual meeting.

14. The Stated Clerk shall publish in the Appendix to the printed Minutes, at least once in five years, the names of the Ruling Elders and Deacons, with their respective postoffices, belonging to the Churches composing the Synod. And the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries shall forward to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, the information necessary for the execution of this rule.

V. MISCELLANEOUS.

15. The Parliamentary Rules adopted by the General Assembly of 1866, and since that time observed by them, shall be the rules for the guidance of this Synod.

16. The Directors of the Union Theological Seminary, appointed by this Synod, shall render excuse to the Synod for non-attendance on any meeting of the Board, and if so absent without assigning sufficient excuse, his seat in the Board will be declared vacant.

17. It was ordered that it be a Standing Rule of Synod that hereafter the Synodical Communion be celebrated on Thursday evening. (Minutes 1883, p. 402.)

18. The election of Stated Clerk and of Synodical Agents shall be held in 1886, and every three years thereafter—the former to enter upon his duties at the opening of the Synod immediately succeeding that at which he is elected, and the latter to enter upon their duties immediately after the adjournment of the Synod which elected them. (Minutes 1883, p. 420.)

19. It was made a Standing Rule that the Roll be called at the opening of the Synod, that those who have been enrolled by the Committee of Enrollment may answer to their names. (Minutes 1885, p. 612.)

20. The Committee of Leave of Absence was instructed not to grant leaves of absence except for urgent reasons; and the Stated Clerk was directed to enter this action upon the Docket of the next Synod, for information and caution to members of the Committee and of the Synod. (Minutes, 1885, p. 615.)

H

GENERAL DIRECTORY.

MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

	Moderators.	*Place of Meeting.*
1813.	*Rev. Robert H. Chapman	Alamance Church.
1814.	*Rev. Samuel C. Caldwell	Thyatira Church.
1815.	*Rev. William McPheeters	Fayetteville.
1816.	*Rev. John Robinson	Raleigh.
1817.	No meeting—no quorum present	Rocky River.
1818.	*Rev. Joseph Caldwell, D.D.	Fayetteville.
1819.	*Rev. Jonathan Otis Freeman, D.D.	Raleigh.
1820.	*Rev. William Paisley	Poplar Tent.
1821.	*Rev. John M. Wilson	Salisbury.
1822.	*Rev. John Robinson	Hillsborough.
1823.	*Rev. John Witherspoon	Fayetteville.
1824.	*Rev. Colin McIver	Statesville.

*Deceased.

Moderators of Synod.

1825. *Rev. John B. Davis.....Greensborough.
1826. *Rev. William McPheeters, D.D.....Fayetteville.
1827. Rev. R. H. Morrison, D.D.....Salisbury,
The Stated Clerk has no record of this and the two succeeding meetings
1828. *Rev. Lemuel D. Hatch.....Raleigh.
1829. *Rev. John Williamson.....Fayetteville.
1830. *Rev. Samuel L. Graham.....Hopewell.
1831. *Rev. Hiram P. Goodrich.....Hillsborough.
1832. *Rev. Samuel Williamson.....Salisbury.
1833. *Rev. Henry A. Rowland.....Wilmington.
1834. *Rev. James W. Douglas.....Oxford.
1835. *Rev. Henry N. Pharr.....Salisbury.
1836. *Rev. Joseph Brown.....Fayetteville.
1837. *Rev. N. H. Harding.....Shiloh.
1838. *Rev. Stephen Frontis.....Third Creek Church.
1839. *Rev. Daniel A. Penick.....Lincolnton.
1840. *Rev. Alexander Wilson, D.D.....Danville, Virginia.
1841. *Rev. William N. Peacock.....Fayetteville.
1842. *Rev. Walter S. Pharr.....Poplar Tent.
1843. *Rev. James Phillips.....Raleigh.
1844. *Rev. Simeon Colton.....Fayetteville.
1845. *Rev. Samuel Williamson.....Charlotte.
1846. *Rev. Drury Lacy.....Greensborough.
1847. *Rev. Evander McNair.....Fayetteville.
1848. *Rev. Cyrus Johnston.....Salisbury.
1849. *Rev. John A. Gretter.....Hillsborough.
1850. *Rev. Adam Gilchrist.....Centre.
1851. *Rev. Archibald Baker.....Rocky River.
1852. *Rev. Wm. N. Mebane.....Danville, Virginia.
1853. Rev. Hector McLean.....Wilmington.
1854. *Rev. A. L. Watts.....Concord.
1855. *Rev. Eli W. Caruthers, D.D.....Greensborough
1856. Rev. Neill McKay.....Fayetteville.
1857. Rev. Walter W. Pharr.....Charlotte.
1858. *Rev. Jacob Doll.....Newbern.
1859. *Rev. F. K. Nash.....Wilmington.
1860. *Rev. R. H. Lafferty.....Statesville.
1861. *Rev. Edward Hines.....Raleigh.
1862. *Rev. John M. Sherwood.....Goldsborough.
1863. *Rev. R. N. Davis.....Salisbury.

*Deceased.

Officers and Appointees of Synod.

1864.	*Rev. A. G. Hughes	Greensborough.
1865.	Rev. Colin Shaw	Fayetteville.
1866.	*Rev. R. Hett Chapman, D.D	Charlotte.
1867.	Rev. Archibald Currie	Newbern.
1868.	Rev. D. D. McBryde	Wilmington.
1869.	*Rev. Jesse Rankin	Morganton.
1870.	*Rev. S. A. Stanfield	Raleigh.
1871.	Rev. J. P. McPherson	Fayetteville.
1872.	Rev. Arnold W. Miller, D.D	Charlotte.
1873.	*Rev. James M. Sprunt	Wilmington.
1874.	Rev. J. Rumple	Concord.
1875.	Rev. P. H. Dalton	Greensborough.
1876.	Rev. Martin McQueen	Fayetteville.
1877.	*Rev. John Douglas	Charlotte.
1878.	Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D.D	Goldsborough.
1879.	Rev. E. F. Rockwell	Statesville.
1880.	Rev. J. Henry Smith, D.D	Raleigh.
1881.	Rev. H. G. Hill, D.D	Salisbury.
1882.	Rev. L. McKinnon	Asheville.
1883.	Rev. F. H. Johnston, D.D	Wilmington.
1883.	Rev. P. T. Penick	Winston.
1885.	Rev. J. C. Alexander	Reidsville.

*Deceased.

STATED CLERKS OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

1813.	*Rev. Robert H. Chapman.	1855.	*Rev. Archibald Baker.
1818.	*Rev. Colin McIver.	1859.	*Rev. Jacob Doll.
1849.	*Rev. Drury Lacy.	1878.	Rev. William S. Lacy.

*Deceased.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—MEMBERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS FROM SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

FIRST CLASS—TO SERVE FOUR YEARS

Rev. F. H. Johnston, D.D.
Rev. Joseph M. Atkinson, D.D.
Mr. B. F. Hall, Ruling Elder; to go out in 1885.

SECOND CLASS—TO SERVE THREE YEARS.

Rev. J. H. Smith, D.D.
Rev. H. G. Hill, D.D.
Dr. E. Nye Hutchison, Ruling Elder; to go out 1888.

Officers and Appointees of Synod.

THIRD CLASS—TO SERVE TWO YEARS.

Rev. Wm. E McIlwain. Mr. W. Murdoch, Ruling Elder;
Rev. Wm. S. Lacy. to go out in 1887.

FOURTH CLASS—TO SERVE ONE YEAR.

Rev. J. Rumple, D.D. Mr. D. W. Oates, Ruling Elder;
Rev. John M. Rose, Jr. to go out in 1886.

AGENTS OF SYNOD.

Rev. R. Z. Johnston.....Agent for Foreign Missions.
Rev. H. G. Hill, D.D.....Agent of Sustentation.
Rev. J. Rumple, D.D.....Agent of Education.
Rev. John M. Rose, Jr.....Agent of Publication.
Rev. L. C. Vass.....Agent of Sabbath Schools.
Rev. J. C. Alexander.....Agent of Evangelistic Labor.

TREASURER OF SYNOD.

Mr. Jesse H. Lindsay.....Greensborough.

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD—TO SERVE FOUR YEARS.

Colonel John E. Brown, *Chairman*.....Charlotte.
Colonel J. B. Rankin.....Charlotte.
Mr. J. L. Brown.....Charlotte.
Mr. R. I. McDowell.....Charlotte.
Mr. J. H. Welbourne.....Lexington.
Mr. D. F. Cannon.....Concord.
Mr. E. B. Stimson.....Statesville.

To go out in 1887.

SYNODICAL HISTORICAL COMMITTEE.

(To co-operate with the Presbyterian Historical Society.)

Rev. Wm. S. Lacy, *Chairman ex-officio*.....Jonesborough.
Rev. E. F. Rockwell, D.D.....Cool Spring.
Rev. L. C Vass.....Newbern.

STATED CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Orange—Rev. F. H. Johnston, D.D.....Winston.
Concord—Rev. Wm. W. Pharr.....Mount Mourne.
Fayetteville—Rev. J. P. McPherson.....Fayetteville.
Wilmington—Rev. A. McFadyen.....Clarkton.
Mecklenburg—Rev. R. Z. Johnston.....Lincolnton.

ROLL OF MINISTERS OF SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

I.—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1. Robert Burwell, D.D.	Raleigh.
2. George W. Ferrill	Tally Ho.
3. A. Currie	Madison.
4. Thomas U. Faucette	Milton.
5. Joseph M. Atkinson, D.D.	Raleigh.
6. P. H. Dalton	High Point.
7. J. Henry Smith, D.D.	Greensborough.
8. E. H. Harding, D.D.	Graham.
9. F. H. Johnston, D.D.	Winston.
10. James C. Alexander	Greensborough.
11. C. N. Morrow	Hawthorne, Fla.
12. W. B. Tidball	Taylorsville.
13. Charles Phillips, D.D.	Chapel Hill.
14. C. H. Wiley, D D.	Winston.
15. L. C. Vass	Newbern.
16. H. T. Darnall	Durham.
17. C. Miller	Greensborough.
18. T. J. Allison	Mebaneville.
19. James L. Currie	Hillsborough.
20. Samuel M. Smith	Washington.
21. John S. Watkins, D.D.	Raleigh.
22. D. Irvin Craig	Reidsville.
23. William F. Thom	Mt. Vernon Springs.
24. J. N. H. Summerell	Tarborough.
25. A. L. Crawford	Lexington.
26. S. H. Isler	Goldsborough.
27. William F. Wilhelm	Hillsborough.
28. S. H. Chester	Mebaneville.
29. Alexander Sprunt	Henderson.
30. R. B. Willis	Oxford.
31. Carr Moore	Williamsborough.

II.—CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1. E. F. Rockwell, D.D.	Cool Spring.
2. P. T. Penick	Mooresville.

Roll of Ministers. Concord. Fayetteville.

3. B. L. Beall.....Lenoir.
4. W. A. Wood, D.D.....Statesville.
5. J. Rumple, D.D.....Salisbury.
6. William W. Pharr.....Mount Mourne.
7. R. B. Anderson, D.D.....Morganton.
8. J. M. Wharey.....Harrisburg.
9. L. K. Glasgow.....Davidson College.
10. C. M. Payne.....Concord.
11. J. L. Williamson.....Concord.
12. John W. Davis, D.D.....Soochow China.
13. R. W. Boyd.....Wood Leaf.
14. J. A. Ramsay.....Mill Bridge.
15. C. A. Monroe.....Hickory.
16. W. B. Arrowood.....Norwood.
17. A. W. White.....Elmwood.

III.—FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1. Hector McLean	Melrose.
2. Evander McNair, D.D*	Red Banks.
3. James P. McPherson	Jonesborough.
4. Neill McKay, D.D	Summerville.
5. Andrew McMillan	Laurel Hill Depot.
6. D. D. McBride	LittleRiverAcademy
7. Martin McQueen	Carthage.
8. James McQueen	Swann's Station.
9. N. T. Bowden	Little's Mills.
10. Joseph Evans	Plainview
11. Archibald McQueen	Montpelier.
12. John H. Coble	Laurinburgh.
13. H. G. Hill, D.D	Fayetteville.
14. David Fairley	Manchester.
15. J. H. Colton	Jonesborough.
16. A. N. Ferguson	Laurinburgh.
17. K. M. McIntyre	Ridge's Creek.
18. William S. Lacy	Jonesborough.
19. J. Stedman Black	Athens.

*Deceased since the meeting of Synod.

IV.—WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

Members.	*Post Office.*
1. Duncan B. Black	Burgaw.
2. Colin Shaw	Wallace.
3. B. F. Marable, D.D	Mount Olive.
4. James Kelly	Clarkton.
5. A. McFadyen	Clarkton.
6. A. Kirkland	Whiteville.
7. K. McDonald	Point Caswell.
8. John M. Rose, Jr	Goldsborough.
9. John W. Primrose	Wilmington.
10. Alexander L. Phillips	Burgaw.
11. G. W. McMillan	White Hall.
12. P. H. Hoge	Wilmington.
13. J. R. Wilson, DD	Clarksville, Tenn.

V.—MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

Members.	*Post Office.*
1. Robert H. Morrison, D.D	Lowesville.
2. James E. Morrison	Morven.
3. James D. Hall	Garibaldi.
4. William Graves	Mills River.
5. Walter W. Pharr, D.D	Garrison.
6. A. W. Miller, D.D	Charlotte.
7. G. D. Parks	Charlotte.
8. R. Z. Johnston	Lincolnton.
9. William A. McDonald	Hoods.
10. D. T. Towles	Crab Tree.
11. John J. Kennedy	Gastonia.
12. William H. Davis	Davidson River.
13. William E. McIlwain	Hopewell.
14. S. Taylor Martin	Hampden Sidney, Va
15. G. S. Robinson	Pineville.
16. R. A. Miller	Monroe.
17. J. P. Gammon	Asheville.
18. G. L. Cook	Charlotte.
19. W. R. Atkinson	Charlotte.
20. D. P. Robinson	Palestine, Texas.
21. N. M. Woods	Charlotte.

Roll of Ministers. Mecklenburg.

22. J. M. McLean.....Gastonia.
23. A. P. Nicholson.....Charlotte.
24 A. M. Watson.....Huntersville.
25. A. G. Buckner.....Wadesborough.
26. J. E. Fogartie.....Highlands.
27. E. P. Davis.....Shelby.
28. R. B. Morrow.....Garrison.
29. R. S. Brown.....Baltimore, Md.
30. C. W. Robinson.....Derita.
31. I. N. Campbell.....Rutherfordton.
32. P. R. Law.....Monroe.
33. William A. Dabney.....Lowesville.
34. E. A. Sample.....Franklin.

DAILY ORDER OF BUSINESS.

[From 22d Rule of the Rules of Parliamentary Order, Approved by the Synod. See Standing Rule 15.]

1. Prayer.
2. Minutes Read.
3. Presentation of Papers:
   a. Communications addressed to the body;
   b. Reports of Standing Committees;
   c. Reports of Select Committees;
   d. Resolutions.

[Each of which papers may, by unanimous consent, be taken up immediately on presentation, but if objection be made, it shall be docketed.]

4. The Unfinished Business in which the Court was engaged at the last preceding adjournment in preference to the Orders of the Day.

[But such Unfinished Business may, on motion, without debate, be laid on the table, to proceed with the Special Order.]

5. The Order of the Day.
6. Regular Docket.

[Motions to elect officers, to appoint committees and to enroll members, shall always be in order, unless a member is speaking or the Court is voting.]

[*Note.*—If the Unfinished Business be laid on the table in order to proceed with the Order of the Day, when the Order has been disposed of such Unfinished Business has precedence of the Regular Docket.]

DOCKET

OF THE SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE HELD IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CONCORD, N. C., ON TUESDAY, THE 4TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1886, AT 7½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

I. Prayer.
II. Report of Committee of Enrollment.
III. Moderator Chosen.
IV. Temporary Clerks Chosen.
V. Minutes of Last Meeting of Synod Read.
VI. Standing Committees Announced.
    1. Bills and Overtures.
    2. Judical Committee.
    3. Address to the Churches on the State of Religion.
    4. Systematic Beneficence.
    5. Minutes of the General Assembly.
    6. Union Theological Seminary.
    7. Treasurer's Books.
    8. Report of the Trustees of Synod.
    9. Devotional Exercises.
    10. Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries.
    11. Synodical Records.
    12. Leave of Absence.
VII. Committees to Review Records of Presbyteries Announced:
    1. Orange.
    2. Concord.
    3. Fayetteville.
    4. Wilmington.
    5. Mecklenburg.
VIII. Excuses for Absence from Last Meeting of Synod Referred.
IX. Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries referred:
    1. Orange.
    2. Concord.
    3. Fayetteville.
    4. Wilmington.
    5. Mecklenburg.

Docket.

X. Narratives of the State of Religion Referred:

1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.

XI. Report of Presbyteries on Systematic Beneficence Referred:

1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.

XII. Report of the Directors of Union Theological Seminary read and refered:

XIII. Appointment of Directors of Union Theological Seminary referred.

[*Note.*—The term of office of the Fourth Class expires at this meeting of the Synod, viz: Rev. J. Rumple, D.D., Rev. John M. Rose, Jr., and Mr. D. W. Oates, Ruling Elder.

XIV. Synodical and Presbyterial Records Referred:

1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.
6. The Synod.

XV. Report of the Trustees of Synod (Col. John E. Brown, Chairman) read and referred.

XVI. Report of the Treasurer of the Synod (Mr. J. H. Lindsay) read and referred.

XVII. Appointment of Orders of the Day.

XVIII. Reports of the Synodical Agents read:

1. Sustentation—Rev. H. G. Hill, D.D.
2. Education—Rev. J. Rumple, D.D.
3. Publication—Rev. John M. Rose, Jr.
4. Foreign Missions—Rev. R. Z. Johnston.
5. Sabbath-schools—Rev. L. C. Vass.
6. Evangelistic Labor—Rev. J. C. Alexander.

Docket.

XIX. Report of Synodical Historical Committee (Rev. William S. Lacy, Chairman.)

XX. Special Orders Appointed by the Synod of 1885:

1. A Sermon or Address on "The Duty of the Church in securing a larger number of efficient Ministers." Rev. Wm. E. McIlwain, Principal, Rev. J. Rumple, D.D., Alternate. (Minutes 1885, p. 600.)

2. An Historical Address, "Touching the Rise, Progress and Prospects of the Presbyterian Church in the United States." Rev. J. Henry Smith, D.D., Principal, Rev. William S. Lacy, Alternate. (Minutes 1885, p. 609.)

3. Address on "The Importance of Ministerial support." Rev. H. G. Hill, D.D.

XXI. Synodical Communion, on Thursday Evening, as provided for by Rule 17.

XXII. Time and place of Next Meeting of Synod Chosen.

XXIII. How many Copies of the Minutes shall be published.

XXIV. Statistical Report of the Synod to the General Assembly adopted.

XXV? Roll Called before Final Adjournment.

XXVI. Minutes Read and Approved.

XXVII. Adjournment, with Singing, Prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.